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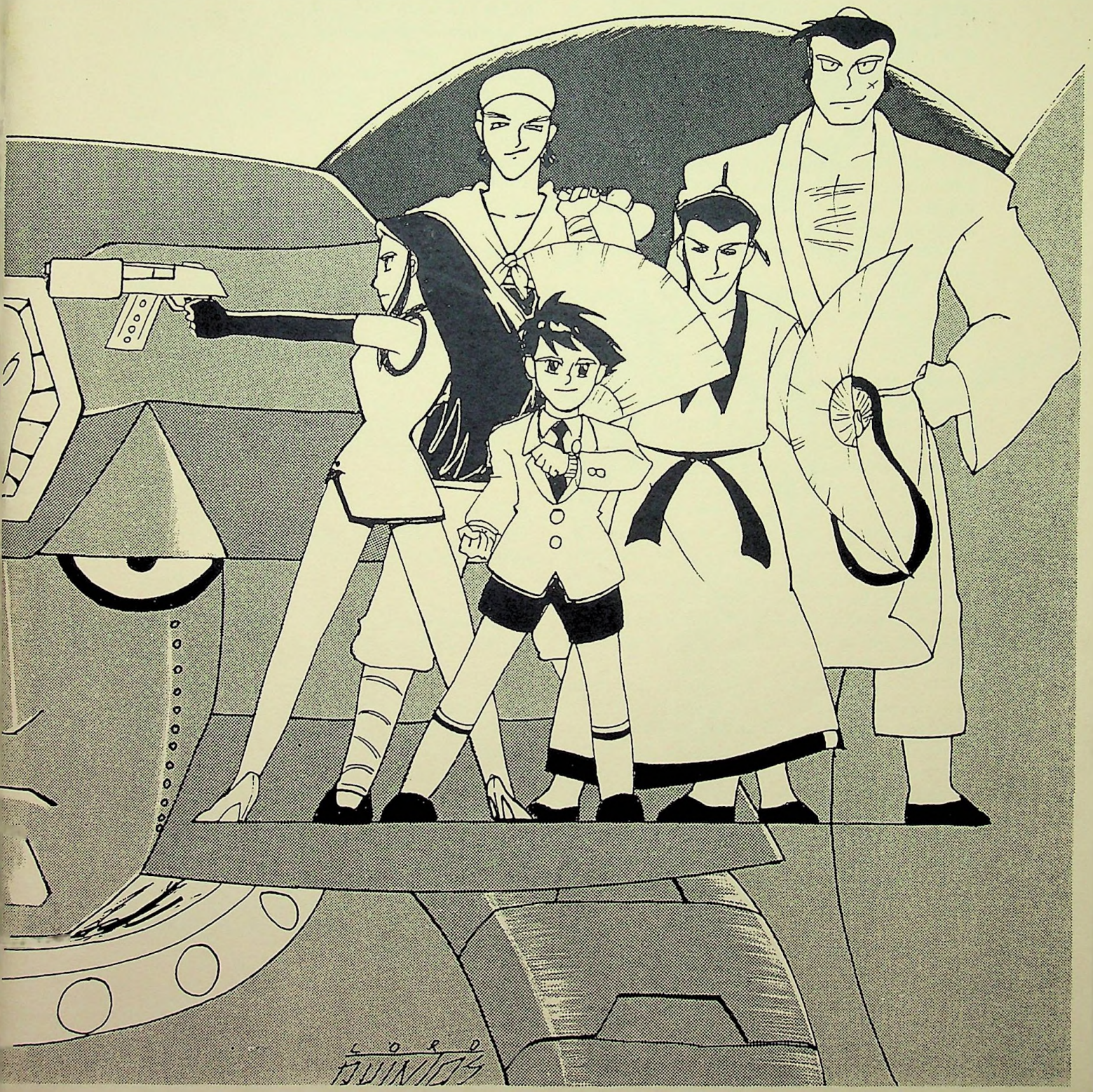

Welcome to the Anime Club of Michigan second Annual Nova Anime Guide. That's right Two years in a row and lets hope that this trend last.

To let you know the people on the credits page worked hard to get this book out on time this year. Also this years book got to press early (unlike last year).

All material in this years book is done completely by members of the Anime Club of Michigan. Which brings us to: YOU MAY DUPLICATE ANY WORK IN THIS BOOK AS LONG AS YOU GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

Last year I discussed whether or not Anime was going through a recession. Well if it was, it's not now.

Last year mark the beginning of something big. First off Gundam 0083 and Giant Robo were two giant run away hits in Japan. Also released was two Ranma 1/2 Movies, both very good. Weathering Continent was released in the theater, as a club we have not seen it, however spies in Japan have, and they loved it.

In the OVA market we saw Genesis Survivor Gaiarth, the Finish of Detonator Orgun, Bastard, and Video Girl Ai.

And lastly in TV, it was slow in 1992. However, beginning in 1993 we have Tlyer, a great new show where the Animation during the show is as good as the opening credits. The Rebirth of Funny Dragonball Z, cross your fingers on this one. Soon to be released is Mobile Suit V(for victory) Gundam. That the first new Gundam TV show since 1986.

I would also like to comment about the Companies bringing Anime over to America. Good job, sort of. What I mean is that most of the Subtitling companies have been doing a wonderful job. Many have been working hard to bring as much Anime as they can to America (AnimEigo has gone as far as announcing subtitling the same time the Japanese announce something is coming out.)

However, there is a new trend to dub Anime over with english actors. This is getting out of hand. It takes time and good actors to do a decent good. It takes allot of time and great actors to do a good job. Most of what I see is a rush job and bad actors. Which makes me cringe as I watch. The first rule of dubbing is: no matter how good a job you do it will never be as good as the original. The Animators work off the Voice actors while animating. They make the character into whatever the Voice Actor creates. When you dub you lose this. That all I wanted to say.

Dave Zyn

Credits to others (or Editor Kiss Butt)

1:Operation X for subtitling Gundam 0083 Stardust Memory

2:US Renditions for Subtitling Aim for the Top Gunbuster (and not dubbing it)

3:AD Vision for the Devil Hunter Yohko Subtitling

4: Animation Arctic, or AA for short, for their Macross II, Supergal, and Sol Bianca subtitling

5:AnimEigo for subtitling Genesis Survivor Gaiarth, (to bad Yatsura V wasn't out yet)

5:Streamline Pictures for releasing Fist of the North Star.

7:Animag for the information found between the covers

8:Animerica and Viz comics for (maybe) one of the best new Anime Magazines I've since. (Yes I used it's info here)

9: Mangazine and Antarctic Press for the timely release of their Giant Robo article.

10: Dan Kanemitsu and Kevin Stahnke for their Video Girl Ai Script, I mean synopsis. Which Wolfgang used to help write his own.

And now: What to Plan Your Gaming Around:

Since the theme of this years Nova, if you don't know, is Coming of Age so here's what coming of Age Anime we have:

Mamono Hunter Yohko, Battle Royal High School, Urusei Yatsura, Macross II, Iczer 3, Ranma 1/2 Movie II, Gunbuster, Video Girl Ai, Project A-ko III, Arion, and Gundam 0083

Mecha fans

Macross II, Tekkaman Blade, Giant Robo, Gunbuster, Genesis Survivor Gaiarth, Gundam 0083

Comedy

Mamono Hunter Yohko, Iczer 3, Supergal, Ranma 1/2 Movie II, Project A-ko III

Combat

Battle Royal High School, Madara, Ranma 1/2 movie II, Fist of the North Star, Gunbuster, Dragonball Battle Special, Arion

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Nova 18 Anime Schedule

Saturday

10:00-10:35	Mamono Hunter Yohko (Subtitled)
10:35-11:30	Battle Royal High School
11:30- 1:00	Urusei Yatsura V "Final Movie"
1:00- 1:30	Macross II episode 1 (Subtitled)
1:30- 2:20	Iczer 3 episode 5&6
2:20- 3:20	Madara I
3:20- 4:10	Sol Bianca (Subtitled)
4:10- 4:35	Tekkaman Blade
4:35- 5:10	Supergal (Subtitled)
5:10- 6:30	AI City
6:30- 7:20	Giant Robo
7:20- 8:20	Ranma 1/2 Movie II "Battle for the Brides"
8:20-10:10	Fist of the Northstar (English)
10:10-12:00	Votes from the masses

Sunday

10:00-10:45	Detonator Orgun II
10:45-11:40	Gunbuster episodes 5&6 (Subtitled)
11:40-12:05	Video Girl AI
12:05- 12:50	Dragonball Battle Special
12:50- 1:40	Genesis Survivor Gaiarth (Subtitled)
1:40- 2:30	Project A-ko III the Cinderalla Rhapsody
2:30- 4:30	Arion
4:30- 5:30	Gundam 0083 1&2 Stardust Memory (Subtitled)

Remember the schedule is only based on running times. The Anime may end or being early, to help with this problem we will bring Anime shorts to show between Anime when we are running ahead of schedule. However, if their is an Anime you wish to see try to arrive up to five minutes early.

AI City

Background

Hi, my name is Celia Stingray, I've been happily running my lingerie store, the Silky Doll, for a few years now. Ever since I dealt with that nasty Genmon problem I have had some time on my hands. So, when the offer to do an article on AI City came across my desk I was happy to comply.

AI City was created by Shuho Itahashi and Animated back in 1986, just a little before Bubblegum Crisis started. Like my series Bubblegum Crisis it has become a classic, standing up against the sands of time.

I think it is necessary to bring up an important explanation. This is an explanation of psychic powers in AI City. Sometime in the future man has figured how to tap the psychic potential. To do it they must add Bio-Enhancements. These Bio-enhancements are located in the head, they also read out at what power level the psychic is using. Low power, around 5, allows the user to up their physical capabilities. 20 allows a user to throw cars around telekiniticly. Up in the hundreds the user is able to teleport, shape matter, and control it. With an infinity symbol a user can rip holes in time and space.

Cast

Kei: Low level psychic and private dick. He is in the center of our story as he tries to rescue Ai.

Ai: Ai means love in Japanese. She is a very special psychic created a while ago. She has the ability to boost other peoples psychic abilities.

Oji-san: Again Oji-San means "Old Man" in Japanese. Oji-san is Kei partner in the P.I. business, he has no psychic abilities. So he carries both a gun and a bottle to cope.

Keitsu: Young female psychic hired to capture Kei and Ai. After she is blown out of our dimension and rescued by Oji-san she has a change of heart, and then joins the young psychics in their battles.

Dei: Very powerful psychic looking for the Ai, he help create her long ago and wants her back. Dei commands a very large and powerful corporation.

Mr J: Dei's collector, Mr. J is a powerful psychic sent to get Ai. He also hires the cyborg brothers to help.

Jem and Ii the Cyborg Brothers: Not having any psychic powers they are enhanced by cybernetic limbs, giving them the same power level as a low level psychic (like Kei).

Li Ro Chin: Powerful psychic with a personality conflict. He is also after Ai and has ties to Dei, Ai, and Kei sometime in the recent past.

Story

The Story opens with Kei, Ai, Oji-san, and their pet cat being engaged in a high speed case with a motorcycle gang. After these brutes, (who remind me of Priss's friends,) start to wreck Kei's car, Kei goes on the offensive. Leading the gang, we see a young women, riding her bike with no hands, Keitsu (Priss tried this a few times and Mackie ended up fixing the bike, and Priss spent sometime in the hospital). After Kei turns his car into a convertible by going under a semi-trailer, the gang plows into the side of the trailer and ends up killing themselves.

After that ride Oji-san needs a drink. The three discuss what that case was all about. However, they are interrupted by Keitsu, Flying behind the car. Keitsu lift up the car telekiniticly and then just lets go. As everyone falls Kei and Ai grab hands and teleport everyone safely to the ground. Kei is surprised by the teleport, but comments that Kei is only level 5 while she is much more powerful. Kei lifts his head and the numbers start to rise. Kei hits infinity, then hits Keitsu with a blast so hard she breaks through time and space. A hole is then left in reality, this is to much for Oji-san and he has to have another drink.

Across the city, in the large mile high building, someone detects the power used and identify the three psychics involved. Kei, Ai, and Keitsu. Dei, the man in charge, wants to know what actually caused the rift.

Back at the rip Keitsu floats free. The three debate, actually argued what they are going to do. Keitsu ask Oji-san to help her. Even though Oji-san is to scared to do anything she is pulled through and lands on top of him. After a short conversation, Keitsu stands up and walks over to Kei. Oji-san finally notices that Keitsu is not wearing any clothes.

The rift closes and the people back at the tower

are wondering what it was. One person mentions the name Li Ro Chin and is killed for it (I think that's what happens to anyone who say Knight Sabers at Genmon too). Dei wants Mr. J to bring him Ai and leaves.

Dei flies into another room to think over what has just happened, when out of nowhere Li Ro Chin steps out. He is about a 12 foot tall in a robotics body, with a small man in the head in a pool of fluid. Li Ro Chin take possession of one of Dei's assistant. However, Dei opens up with a psychic blast in the hundreds, blowing Li Ro Chin out the window. It's not enough, Li Ro Chin is floating outside the window (He is as tough to kill as Quincy). Before he leaves he gives Dei a few parting words. Which makes the man sweat (I use to love doing that to Quincy).

Mr. J grabs his partners the Cyborg Brothers Jem and Ii and heads out to get Ai.

Flashback, Kei is looking a little younger and is surfing at the beach. He is leaving the water when a girl's swim suit top flies pass him, Kei of course notices the girl, who looks like an older Ai. (I think Priss used this one a few times). *After awhile they get to know each other.*

The dream is cut by a view of a medical lab. You see Dei, then the older looking Ai being dragged away by Dei's men.

Kei is then seen being brought down a hallway, the cat following. Kei's head is shaved and is marked for psychic bio-enhancements. Kei wakes up and see Ai next to him but can get to her (I have similar memories of my father).

Back at the office Kei, Ai, and Oji-san talk about the sleeping Keitsu, now wearing Oji-san overcoat. It seem she has had a change of heart since the blast into the hole. She has her freewill back.

Kei explains the past, how he met Ai. *Kei gets on with a normal day, doing laundry and such when the cat comes in and points him to a room. In the room he sees Ai floating in a tank full of fluid. He frees her and that how they meet.* Oji-san has the problem of getting his liquor from his old jacket.

Kei feels something, he sees three men running towards him in his minds eye. Lights shine through the window. Mr J flies up to the window and demands to talk to Kei. Kei informs everyone to get Ai to safety. boost himself up to 5 and jumps out the window.

It's Kei against the cyborg brothers, (at least they work better together than most boomers). Jem leaves to capture Ai, while Ii keeps Kei busy.

Jem traps Oji-san, Keitsu, Ai, and the cat in the elevator. Jem reach for Ai, and Oji-san tries to stop him with no success.

Outside Kei gets hit with a few good shots and goes down. Ii gets cocky and Kei jumps up from his playing possum and hit Ii hard enough to knock him back ten feet, even tough Ii was slowing himself down with his hands. A crowd has gathered and is loving the fight. While Li Ro Chin watches from a sort distance away.

Back at the elevator, Ai runs to Keitsu for protection against Jem. Jem turns around to deal with her when Oji-san pulls his gun on him. As soon as the elevator hits the bottom floor, Jem knock Oji-san through. With Jem attention on Oji-san, Keitsu hit him in the back with a high powered psychic attack, blowing him out the building.

The coward scatters as Jem walks out all his skin has been blown off and he falls dead on the ground.

Jem is very pissed at Ai, who he thinks killed his brother. Before he can do anything a pair of lips form out of the ground and grab him, then a head appears. After that even more heads start forming.

Mr J is as confused as everyone else and blows one of the heads away. Li Ro Chin appears and decides Mr. J is no longer needed and knocks him away.

Back at the tower, Dei detects the activity of Li Ro Chin.

The heads try smashing into Kei but he uses his talents to jump out of the way. He then notices that one of the heads is flying away with Ai, and Keitsu.

Oji-san and the cat grab a motorscooters, Kei jumps on and the case beings. Kei use the motorscooters to drive on the side of a bridge and leaps down to Ai, and Keitsu.

Li Ro Chin easily possesses Kei and orders him to strangle Ai. Keitsu tries to stop him but can't, so she decide to use her psychic powers. Li Ro Chin stops her by blowing up to head they where flying on. They fall for certain death.

Oji-san finds his coat, ruined, with Ai, Kei, and Keitsu with no where to be found.

Li Ro Chin becomes busy with an argument with himself. The"evil" half Wins and he hits the area with a very powerful blast.

Kei and Ai are safe, Oji-san believes everyone dead. Until he hears a voice. The head flies up and breaks into many small pieces. Keitsu was inside.

Mr. J and Ii still live. Die arrives and sends them after Ai again, after he shows them how displeased he is (Die reminds me of Brian J Mason this way).

Oji-san, Keitsu, and the cat go shopping (Priss's favorite way, looting). Oji-san feels bad and leaves a gold coin behind.

Oji-san wants revenge, and is ready to deliver it with his gun. Until Kei and Ai show up alive.

Flashback, Kei still marked for Psychic Bio-enchantment tries to rescue Older Ai, But is stop cold. The memory is what broke the mind control allowing him to save himself and Ai.

Keitsu explains that hate relationship between Dei and Li Ro Chin, what one does the other one tries to destroy.

Just then a mecha shows up grabs Ai and takes off. Kei and Keitsu take off after it when Mr. J and Ii show up. This time Ii is armed with a anti-tank gun. The fight is sort, after a few hits Ii miss fires the gun and hits Mr J. showing him to be a cyborg. Ii doesn't want to go on, Keitsu gives him the gun and tells him to use it, and do the right thing. Kill himself. Kei presses his case back to the mile high tower.

Back at the tower Dei conducts test on Ai to figure out who he can tap her power.

Kei steals a car and uses it to make a dramatic entry into the tower. Kei, Keitsu, Oji-san, and the cat start their rescue of Ai. At this time Dei decides to start his experiment. Our rescuers ended up confronting the mecha that stole Ai. It makes sort work of the psychics as they seem to have no effect. Oji-san remembers his gun (Oji-san is as good of shot as Leon).

Ai is released and she wonders where she is. Kei?? steps forward and tells her all will be fine. She then accepts Dei as Kei.

The mecha enters the room and shoots the place up. Dei notice the main optic has been shot, and Kei leaps out. Kei calls for Ai, but she calls Dei papa. The cat runs over to Ai, and tries to jog her memory. The cat is somehow linked to Ai Psychicly and he release Ai memory, just as Dei and Kei are about to meet in combat.

Flashback, back in a lab, scientist debate over a huge super computer AI (Artificial Intelligence). It is made up of DNA for memory. It has allowed the development of both cybernetics and Psychic Bio-enhancements. Two of the scientist are Dei and Li Ro Chin.

One of the scientist finds an interesting development but is attacked by something and his whole body begins to rot.

The other scientist are discussing cloning Ai, she might be the key to cracking their problems. The infected scientist comes in talking of an error in the DNA and explodes all over the place.

Ai finally recognizes Kei, and Dei finally takes off his helmet. He explains that Ai as a clone of the women Kei originally fell in love with. Just then Li Ro Chin Attacks.

Li Ro Chin explains that Ai is the only thing in his way. His head splits revealing the other side of his personality. A Virus, an error in the DNA effected the computer and him all those years ago. Dei attacks, Li Ro Chin counterattacks Dei, grabs Keitsu, and starts to crush her. Ii jumps in hitting Li Ro Chins robotics body and blowing it to pieces.

However it's not over. Li Ro Chin mutates and grabs Dei. He then starts to absorb Dei's power. Dei ask Ii to kill him and it, but Ii can't, he is then garbed and pulled in. Ii is manages to throw the gun to Keitsu who knows what to do, even though she doesn't want to.

However it was to late, the Virus has absorb to much power and starts to grow. It expands over the city sucking psychic power form all over the city.

The Virus keeps growing in power. Kei and friends try to flee but the virus keeps trying to get them. Kei tries for the eye but is unsuccessful. Ai runs to help Kei and when she leaves the others, they are captured. The Virus doesn't seem to be able to touch Ai. So it infects her mind, playing tricks on it. Ai starts to revert back, to a baby, to a zygote, to another person.

Flashback to the beach again, to her rebirth through cloning.

Ai breaks free and runs to Kei. The Virus makes a Body and tries to stop her.

Kei and Ai touch, Kei goes to infinity and hits the Virus with a full power blast. The power is to much and the Virus shrinks. The DNA error is destroyed.

Kei, Ai, Keitsu, Oji-san, and the cat are teleported to the street. They begin to walk away. They all prepare for a trip and start disappearing. Only Oji-san does not understand.

Do to the power used to destroy the Virus, they are trap in a time loop and go back to being cased by the motorcycle gang. Yet, things are slightly different.

-Celia Stingray

Arion

Background

Arion is one of Yoshikazu Yasuhiko, or "Yaz" for short, great work. If you haven't heard of "Yaz" before he is behind the original character designs for Gundam, Dirty Pair, and Venus Wars. "Yaz" is consider as one of the ten best creators in the Anime and Manga field.

The Story of Arion takes places in the middle of Greek Mythology. That's right a Japanese Anime about Greek Myth. The Story is of Arion, a demi-god, who free's mankind from the control of the gods.

the Cast

Arion: "Son" of Demeter and Poseidon. Hades decides to use Arion for his own purposes, he send Arion to kill Zeus as the only way to get his mothers sight back. This starts Arion on his way to the path of his true heritage.

Geedo: The Giant from the Underworld who befriends Arion after he is defeated by him.

Sneeca: Young thief caught stealing Arion's sword. Sneeca, decides to stick around Arion and even helps him escape from Zeus's army.

Lesfeena: Mute child of Poseidon and Demeter. Lesfeena is kept by Athena as a slave girl. Lesfeena meets Arion when he is captured by Athena's troop.

Athena: Commander of Zeus's armies defending against Poseidon attacks. She captures Arion but eventually must defend Olympus form Arion's attack.

Ares: Younger brother to Athena and Apollo. Ares hates being number three but Arion ends up killing him before he gets very far.

Apollo: Oldest child of Zeus, Apollo received almost all the mystical abilities from his father and mother.

Zeus: Ruler of the Land and Olympus. Zeus is currently at war with Poseidon who wants to rule all the world, not just the sea.

Poseidon: On a quest to dethrone Zeus, he welcomes his lost "son" Arion into his army. He is eventually killed by Arion by accident.

Hades: The third man out, Hades received the underworld as his domain. He hopes that Arion will deal with both Zeus and Poseidon leaving the throne open for him.

Demeter: "Mother" of Arion and Lesfeena, Demeter only wish that she and Arion be left out of Poseidon and Zeus's battles.

the Black Lion King: Mysterious man who steps froward to help Arion. He knows of Arion's true origin.

Ryukaon: Old man of Arcadia, Arion travels to Ryukaon for help after he kills Poseidon.

Heracles: Self appointed bodyguard to Ryukaon. Heracles ends up going Arion on his trip to Olympus.

Athos: Leader of the army of man. He looks to Arion as away to free mankind from the gods tight grip.

Eyrins: The wrath of the gods, also known as the Furies. The Eyrins go after Arion when they believe he killed his "father", breaking the law of the gods (Like Zeus hasn't already done this).

Gaia: The true power behind Zeus's throne. She waits to defeat any who stands in the way of her plans.

Story

A long time ago, before the death of the gods...

In the Region of Thrace Hades comes to visit the blind Demeter and her young son Arion. That night Hades explains that Poseidon is getting uneasy and has started to build a force to dethrone Zeus. Demeter replies "Hades, there's only Arion for me now. Your words are useless. Please go back to your own land".

The next day Arion shows Hades his knowledge of herbs and roots, "This is digitalis, ground up, it will reduce a fever". He then tells Hades he wishes to find a cure for his mothers blindness. Hades is happy to inform Arion "In Macedonia, there can be found the Arcana Flower. It can cure any eye disease in moments" Hades finishes, "I'm going that way, I can take you with me."

Demeter drops a pot when she realizes that her son is being kidnapped by Hades. She calls on the Zeus to save her son, but no action is taken.

In the underworld Arion is not having an easy time. He keeps running into some very creepy monsters. That is until he drops in on Geedo, a huge three eyed monster.

Geedo is not to happy and goes on a rampage. Hades send Hydra, the giant two headed cobra, and Cerberus, the three headed dog, to stop Geedo. Geedo makes short work of Hydra by ripping it in half. Geedo then spots Arion, the one that woke him up. However, doing in the little runt isn't all that easy as Arion drops a rock on Geedo head.

Hades comes to see how the battle is going and is impressed by Arion fighting ability. He throws Arion a sword and Geedo runs out of gas.

Hades then tells Arion "No herb can cure your mother's eye."
"You tricked me, return me to my mother." Arion replies.
"I can't do that" Hades answers.
"Why!" ask Arion.
"Because a curse was put on your mother's eyes." replies Hades.
"A curse" says a stunned Arion.
"Yes, your mother, Demeter, will always be blind." Continues Hades
Arion asks "What will I have to do to remove it?"
"You really want to know?" replies Hades "Destroy Zeus, He responsible for everything, including Demeter's curse. Zeus lives in the West on mount Olympus, destroy him, for your mother."
Hades Last words are "Go to Olympus! Avenge yourself and your mother!"

Arion fights his way out of the Underworld, growing in skill each day. When he finally exits the Underworld he is ready for Zeus.

The introduction begins *After the death of King Chronos, the world was divided between his three sons. Zeus became lord of Olympus and the Earth. Poseidon became King of the oceans. Hades became ruler of the Underworld. However, Poseidon wasn't Content... His goal was to rule both the oceans and the land. Zeus turned his army over to Athena and charged her with defeating Poseidon. And so the world was plunged into war...*

Arion, along with Geedo, are on a trek to Olympus. During one of the breaks Arion's sword is stolen by a young thief. The chase is long however Arion out performs the thief at every turn.

Arion takes his sword back and starts to leave. The young thief, Sneeca, starts to rant at Arion "Dammit!! What are you waiting for...? Sympathy?!" but he is interrupted by a rumbling noise. Zeus's army is on the ride. Geedo is the first to jump into battle but is hit by several crossbow bolts, and falls over the cliff. Arion takes his sword in arm and dismounts a few of the soldiers. However even he is no match for the sheer number of troops. As he passes out as the leader Ares, looks down on him.

Later at armies camp Arion wakes. The first thing he notices is that is bound. The second thing is Lesfeena.

In the command tent, Ares shows Athena Arion's sword. "Yet the boy could still raise his arm." So Athena, and Ares give Arion a heavy handed interrogation session.
"Talk, Where did you get that sword?"
"How did you get it? Why?"
"Talk!! Why did Hades send you"
"What spells did Hades breathe into you"
Lesfeena can hardly watch. Ares leaves still wondering why he was sent. Athena answers "He'll talk, sooner or later."

Lesfeena takes to Arion's care. Cleaning him up after the beating. She happily does her task, never speaking a word. Even feeding him, since his arms are bound.

At the waterhole Lesfeena is joyfully humming, but her happiness is shattered by Apollo. He torments her "Sing for us Lesfeena", even though she can't, because she is mute. Ares interrupts Apollo telling him "The battlefield is no place for a playboy". Apollo returns his younger brothers sword, tormenting him. Apollo turns to Lesfeena "You cared for that boy, didn't you? Too bad he'll be dead by morning".

That night, Lesfeena comes at Arion with an axe, however it is to free him from his bonds. She then sends him on his way, showing him how to escape.

Arion heads to the command tent to get his sword back. Some of the oldest tricks work on the guards. However, before Arion gets his sword he runs into Sneeca. They both go to retrieve the sword. Just before they reach the sword, Sneeca tips over an oil lamp. This alerts Athena, Arion quickly gets the jump on her and knocks her clear across the room.

The whole camp is awakened and sent after Arion. The normal soldiers are no match for Arion. Their sheer number push the two off the cliff down to the beach below. Zeus's army does not follow, Poseidon's navy is spotted off the shore. As Arion and Sneeca look on in wonder, a few fish men capture them.

Later the fish men make their report and show the guard the sword. Arion and Sneeca are now prisoners of Poseidon. They both marvel at Poseidon's main battleship.

Athena and Ares call their generals and make plans for the battle to come. "The enemy will attack boldly. Lead them deep inland, then strike!" Athena continues "Nothing can match the Iron Cavalry! They will run in fear! We will cut the enemy into half and force them to retreat to the coast. Cut off their Edmoth detachment and chase them into the sea."

This time instead of an interrogation, Arion is invited to dine with Poseidon. After a shaky start, "Eat, don't be afraid." Poseidon welcomes his "son" to his army. Poseidon ask Arion "Have you meet your sister Lesfeena?"

That evening a storm rolls in, both sides prepare for battle. Even Hades is on the move "The smell of blood is in the wind... come Cerberus... to the battlefield."

That night is the Attack, Poseidon's Armies move in, trying to break the lines. The Iron Calvary charge. Ares plows through the troops, until he sees Poseidon charging at him. Poseidon on a rampage charges through Zeus's army like a framer reaping wheat.

Back at the camp Athena gets the news that the attack is not going well. Ares reports "They're through the third rank." Athena decides to retreat. Then Arion shows up. He makes short work of the guards, even Ares falls to Arions sword. "You've killed Ares!!" claims Athena "You are indeed strong... You must be Arion, I should have killed you when I had a chance." As Arion attacks Athena he is interrupted by Apollo. Apollo proves to be much harder to kill then Ares.

Lesfeena sees Arion as she is being carried away as Zeus's army retreats. Apollo again torments Arion as he stays out of Arions reach. Arion last thrust sends him falling into a valley.

There Arion runs into Hades. He then realizes that Hades had planned this all along and was using him to try and get back at his brothers. Arion attacks Hades and makes short work of Cerberus. But when he goes to kill Hades, Hades puts a blood curse on Arion. He kills Hades anyway.

At Zeus's armies new Camp Apollo approaches Athena. "You don't look well, Athena" claims Apollo.
"What is it to you, we have lost" she answers. Apollo then asks Athena for Lesfeena.

Arion is now deep into dream, first of Lesfeena, then of a child back with his mother, however his mother claims not to know him. The root he holds starts to grow and strangle him. The flower blooms showing Hades face, Arion wakes up.

Sneeca has been looking after Arion. He is deep with fever, part of the blood curse given to him by Hades.

Arion again falls into dream. Hades is all around him, he starts to struggle, men rush in to help hold him down. This only adds to his nightmare. Sneeca runs to get Poseidon, however Arion see's Poseidon as Hades from his dream and strikes with his sword killing his "father". Arion finally wakes up, seeing what he has done. He ask Sneeca who has done this, but he knows the answer. Once again Arion and Sneeca are on the run, from an army.

It isn't long before the army catches up with them. Arion does draw his sword from the sheath, yet it is enough to keep the army at bay--no one wants to be the first to die. The army then starts to retreat. Geedo has found Arion.

At Olympus, Zeus calls the Eyrins. "Eyrins, look at this, It's Poseidon, Murdered", claims Zeus.
Eyrins Say "It is Arion..." Zeus replies ", That one killed his own father, he has broken the Titan's holy law, What is the verdict?"
"Death!" shout the Eyrins.

Without the presence of Poseidon, his army was overwhelmed by the forces of Athena, and his navy dispersed upon the waters and was no longer a threat to Zeus.

At a camp, Sneeca and Geedo fight over cooking. Arion is still trying to fight off the Blood Curse. He is then approached by a strange man. He claims to be the Black Lion King. Arion is ready to

fight him but that is not his purpose. Arion doesn't know if this is a dream or not. The Black Lion King pulls his sword and thrust it to Arion's throat. "You would rather die?" ask the Lion King "Ok, lets see you die. It's simple enough, make a single move, you will surly die." Arion doesn't. "Go see Ryukaon, King of Arcadia" claims the Lion King "He will be of great assistance to you." Arion runs out of the Cave to find where his visitor went. However, Sneeca nor Geedo saw anyone.

Athena's troop celebrate their victory over Poseidon. Athena even tries to seduce Apollo, they being the only two full blooded Titans left. Apollo tells Athena there is still Lesfeena, which he likes better than his own sister.

Needless to say Athena is not to happy about this. Athena has had enough from the little slave girl she has had since a child. She takes Lesfeena and starts to torture her until Apollo stops his sister. Athena tells Apollo she never wants to see him or Lesfeena again.

The trek through Arcadia isn't easy, Geedo is attacked by a huge sea monster. Sneeca almost falls, then Arion is attacked by a warrior equal to his caliber. "Halt," yells a very old man.

The old man turns out to be Ryukaon, the Warrior, Heracles, and the sea monster, Typhoon, Ryukaon's pet. Ryukaon welcomes Arion and tells him that he is being hunted. No sooner then the expansion starts the Eyrins attack. Ryukaon is quick to strike killing one of the three, sending the others fleeing.

He then sends Arion on a journey through time and space. "The Sea of Eleskseions" starts Ryukaon "Here in Darukia, the Titans founded their first empire. Uranus was the first king, but Chronos, his son, killed him. Chronos in turn was killed by his son, Zeus. Zeus fears of assassination, he trust no one, Defend the Law, That has become his strength, like a prayer."

First stop, Olympus. Ryukaon shows Arion how Zeus captured his throne. He also shows the flood that created Olympus.

Second, Arion sees the Rape of Demeter by Poseidon, and a mystery man on horseback that tries to save her.

Third, he meets the Mystery man bound to a mountain facing the sea. Arion tries to help the man by fighting off the birds that attack him.

Fourth his is transported to Olympus where he meets Lesfeena, held captive by Apollo. Apollo then feels Arion presence and uses his power to send Arion on his way.

"The Eyrins and I are both descended from the royal family of Arcadia." Starts Ryukaon "Zeus made them gods to protect the laws of Olympus... how laughable. But Apollo... He is different from the rest. He is the evil incarnate of the Titan family." Ryukaon look at Arion "Arion your true enemy is the future ruler of Olympus, Apollo." Arion doesn't know how to defeat Apollo Ryukaon says he already knows "Lesfeena..?" ask Arion.

Zeus welcomes back his victorious Daughter and Army. Zeus is happy now that all threats to his throne are defeated.

Arion makes his way back to man, with Heracles along with him.

Lesfeena is brought before Athena again. Athena means to kill Lesfeena for all the trouble she has caused, and the fact she is the only thing that stands between her and Apollo. But, the mute Lesfeena screams, sending Athena back through a wall.

Arion awakes in a small village. He is happy to share his knowledge of roots to the locals. The locals mention Pandora, a daughter of theirs who was taken as a wife of a Titan. Heracles ask where Athos is. A little girl is happy to show Arion to a cave where Athos went.

In the cave Arion finds a Statue and remembers the Mystery man from his Astral trip. An old man, Athos, tells Arion the statue is of Prometheus. Athos explains that this Titan was a friend of man not his ruler. Athos even shows Arion the Light Cannon Prometheus stole from the Titans and gave to man. A weapon powerful enough to lay siege to Olympus. Athos tells Arion that Zeus's armies came and killed Pandora, when she was in term with her first child.

When Arion leaves the cave, a crowd of man has gathered. They wish to be lead. Arion explains "Because of the careless plotting of the Titans, I have killed my father and been stolen from my mother, Demeter. I am going to Olympus to take my revenge on Zeus, and rescue Lesfeena. If you want to follow me, please do, but this must be of your own free will."

As the army marches to Olympus it grows in size. Many of the men claim that Arion is the second coming of Prometheus.

Zeus hears news of the coming army and runs to Gaia for help. The Giant Gaia assures Zeus " No matter how powerful they become, they will never enter here."

Athena tries one last time to kill Lesfeena, even though she was left in terrible shape last time. When she reaches the sleeping Lesfeena she is stopped by Apollo. Apollo gives Athena a kiss, and drains the

The Army reaches Olympus at night but must wait until dawn to use the Light Cannon. Sneeca comes to Arion before the battle and ask him how he is doing. He comments on what a lucky girl Lesfeena is. Arion is confused by Sneeca's actions.

The sun raises in time for battle. Arion's army is the first to fire, blowing a hole in the walls of Olympus. Olympus returns fire hitting the rage tag army. The battle has begun. As the army charges, Olympus does their best to hold off the army.

Huge Typhoon flies overhead. It seems the back door must be open. However to get through they most fly over Tartarus, not an easy task.

Typhoon takes off with Arion, Heracles, Sneeca, Athos, Geedo, and some troops on it's back. Tartarus's creatures soon attack, sending many of the men off Typhoon's back. Athos falls, and Arion comes very close.

They make it to the walls of Olympus, Geedo leaps off. Heracles and Geedo agree to hold off the troops, while Arion and Sneeca rush to get Zeus.

Arion dispatches a number of Guards, however Sneeca received an arrow in the side. Arion goes to help and finds the reason for Sneeca's strange behavior, he is a she.

Arion again goes through Zeus's men like hot knife threw butter. Even Zeus's magical giant statue is not a match for him.

Zeus's best troops wait for Arion in Zeus's throne room, however they too fall to Arions blade.

The last two Eyrins appear and give Arion a run for his money. They go to deliver the final blow to Arion until the Black Lion King appears in front of them. They tell him not to interfere, Arion has killed his father and he must be punished. The Black Lion King claims "Arion's real mother was Pandora. His real father was I, Prometheus."

When Zeus's men killed Pandora, her child was still alive in the womb. Prometheus freed the child and gave it to Demeter claiming he freed the child from Zeus's Army who took both Arion and Lesfeena from her.

Prometheus then sends the last two Eyrins to find out what happen to the third. Prometheus turns to Zeus. "And the law used to stand for all things good and just," starts Prometheus "Zeus, you bastardized the laws to protect your interests, using it against innocents, you are the lie." Zeus processed to flee to Gaia for protection.

Arion and Prometheus enter Gaia's chambers. "Why do you want to kill Zeus?" ask Gaia "He is but a child, he will not hurt you."
"He is afraid, Mother Gaia, didn't you know of the degeneration among the gods?" Asks Prometheus.
"So, what of it" Gaia answers "Only when I die will the whole Titan family die with me."
"Then I must kill you as well!" states Prometheus.
"Fool, you kill me?" ask Gaia.
"You had Chronos kill your husband, Uranus, so he could be king, didn't you?"
"Yes," answers Gaia "and the cycle will repeat."
"Gaia I promise you, I will destroy you and the Titans," claims Prometheus "then the world can truly prosper."

Gaia then cuts Prometheus down. As Prometheus dies he turns to Arion. "Forgive me for deceiving you for so long." he says. Prometheus sends all his power to Lesfeena.

Lesfeena breaks her bounds and shouts "Arion." She flies down the hallway, energy all around her. She enters Gaia's chamber and starts to take power away from Gaia. Gaia beings to shrink, and is eventually killed by Lesfeena.

Fleeing Zeus runs into Apollo, and asks him if he will protect him. Apollo tells his father "I will keep the family tradition. Like his father, and his father before him" and kills Zeus. "Didn't you detect a trend?" he states.

Apollo then tries takes Lesfeena from Arion and claims that they are the last two pure Titans left. They most have children to rule over man.
"The Titans cannot die, we brought the people knowledge and peace." claims Apollo.
Arion cries "People only want the simple things in life, like love and Happiness. THEY DON'T NEED GODS." Arion continues on "Man doesn't need the Titans, Man needs to control his own destiny".
Apollo claims "Man needs the guidance of the Titans, man would be lost with out us".

Apollo then tells Arion he will send down disease and famine on man until Lesfeena is returned to him. However Lesfeena rejects Apollo, and saves Arion instead. Apollo a graceful loser, flies off never to bother man again.

Olympus falls in ruin, man has won. The army of man looks on, their dream has come true, the Titans have fallen.

Arion and Lesfeena, awake they are now free. Lesfeena is no longer mute and mankind is no longer enslaved.

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Battle Royal High School

Background

Battle Royal High School is an old classic "Fight" anime. It was first released back in 1986 by Animage. The story revolves around a high school that is the site picked by an Alien to have a war.

the Cast

Riki Hyudo- Our hero. Hyudo is the best Martial Artist in the school and proves it by beating anyone who challenges him.

Byodo- The Alien Sorcerer Supreme that has come to Earth to battle an evil. To do so he combines with Hyudo, thus using his magick in the greatest fighter's body.

Ryo Takakanagi- Hyudo's girlfriend who is wondering why Riki-chan is acting so strange lately.

Cain- The "Evil" Byodo has come to battle. Cain was one of Byodo advisors and she talked him into coming to Earth. She hopes to trap him and take his place.

Yuki Toshimitsu- The mystic protector, Yuki "feels" the arrival of the Aliens and comes to investigate. He is later captured and merged with Cain so she can battle Byodo.

Zankan- The tech protector, he catches the arrival of the Aliens on his sensors. He comes down to the school with a power armor suit to stop them.

Demon Fairies- The first wave of the "Evils" invasion. These little creatures are able to take over objects and people and turn them into monsters.

Bada- Captain of the Martial Arts team he is beaten by Hyudo and quits. He is then Possessed by one of the Demon Fairies.

Megumi- A young girl infatuated with Hyudo. She is used by the Demon Fairies to get at Hyudo.

Story

All the students rush to the Dojo to see a fight. It seems Hyudo, standing tall in a tiger mask, has just beaten the last opponent before Bada. Hyudo wishes to quit the Martial Arts team, to do this he most defeat the top students in the class, which he has. Now comes Bada the teams captain. The fight begins. Both men are evenly matched. However, Hyudo gets the advantage and knocks Bada out. He then takes his card off the wall and leaves.

After the match his girlfriend, Ryo, gets down on him for his actions earlier. "Riki-Chan, why did you quit?" Hyudo avoids her questions by fleeing.

The Sorcerer Byodo, is talking to his advisors. The ancient profitices are coming true: A portal has opened. On the other side Byodo will find a warrior of light, they will combine and fight an ancient evil. Byodo will go.

Hyudo gets a little full of himself during class and a teacher, hits him in the face with a chalk filled eraser. Before the teacher can reprimand him class ends.

The rest of the class is all impressed that Hyudo is now the best fighter in the school. Ryo then runs into Bada. He has just quit as Captain of the Martial Arts team and is leaving school.

Back at lunch everyone starts giving food to Hyudo as he tells them stories of his best fights. Soon Ryo walks up and he's happy to see her. Then she hits him in the face knocking him over, everyone laughs.

In the school grounds Byodo teleports in through the portal, his advisor doesn't make it, "Sorry Sire".

Back at lunch everyone is frozen, Hyudo can't figure out why? So he takes the opportunity to feel up his girlfriend. However, before he gets started the door slides open.

He enters the next class and hears a voice telling him he will be tested to prove his power as a warrior. Hyudo puts on his tiger mask and is ready to go. First the blackboard turns into a giant mouth with teeth and attacks him. Then the desks transform. Hyudo escapes to the outside for more room, only to find Byodo standing at the other end of the yard.

Byodo throws down two thorns that turn into Sharkmen demons. After some starting problems Hyudo defeats them and they flee back to their master. Hyudo charges Byodo, but freezes in mid flight. Byodo will combine with Hyudo for the battle. Byodo takes off his helmet and now even looks like Hyudo. Byodo enters Hyudo body to Hyudo yelling "Enough!!".

Hyudo is now back on the ground with the

class laughing at him. Hyudo is to say the least, confused. Ryo then points out that Bada is leaving and tells Hyudo to do something. Hyudo ask why?

In space the tech protectors have spotted energy reading coming from the school Zankan decides to transmat down and investigate. He detects two energy sources with his heads up display sunglasses. Even though he uses the telephoto option, one looks back at him.

One of the energy source is Bada who is threatening a street gang. One of the member actual stabs him, but Bada is no longer human. The other energy source, Yuki the mystic protector, challenges "Bada". "Bada" ask him if he knows what he's getting into, as tentacles fall from his stomach and transforms into a monster. The battle is short as Yuki uses a Ki blast from his Bokken to take down "Bada".

As Yuki helps the poor rif-raf that "Bada" had captive, he spots a cat, and takes off after it. As the chase continues the cat grows a pair of white bat wings and tries to fly off. Yuki uses a man hole cover as a frisbee to cut one of the wings off. When Yuki finally corners it, he pull a rusty nail out of the fence and impales the creatures head with it. The cat then grows into a four legged blue Red King look alike with acid blood (Even the monster noise comes from Ultraman). Yuki again uses his Ki blast to kill the creature and a small "Demon Fairy" charges him. Yuki puts up his sword to block and the "Demon Fairy" splats on the wall behind him.

Outside the school Yuki waits. He spots Hyudo. Byodo inside him gives Hyudo some advise and tells him to kick a stone at Yuki. Byodo then takes over and uses his power to kick a small car instead, which Yuki pulls out his sword and cuts in half.

Zankan sees it all, from his watch tower, and tries to follow Yuki but looses him. Yuki finds Hyudo and attacks him, with Ki. Hyudo flees and has no idea what is going on.

Yuki is then teleported to another dimension where he battles the Sharkmen. He defeats them and comes out of the blood from Hyudo arm.

Byodo takes over and steals Yuki sword, something that's not easy to do. Byodo explains that he has come here and combined with Hyudo to battle an ancient evil. He shows Yuki the "Demon Fairies" that have already arrived. Byodo knows that his Advisor Cain is here. Once he finds her and kills her, he will leave. Zankan gets the whole story from up on a park bench. Then a strange women walks by and calls Yuki's name.

Back a Megumi's house she looks at a picture of Hyudo, she tells the picture she loves him. She then puts then picture on her teddy bear. At that time a "Demon Fairy" looking cute flies in her window. She is stunned and it and her teddy bear disappear.

Ryo is walking home, being followed by Zankan. She knows she is being followed, so she wipes around to surprise her follower but Zankan is gone. Then thing get really weird, a giant teddy bear steps out, she thinks it's Hyudo, but when it attacks she knows she is wrong.

Zankan steps out to take on the giant teddy gone bad. Can you say "Borg get on"? I knew you could. In his new powered armor he finds the object being used to create the monster teddy and destroys it, turning it back to normal. Ryo of course thanks her rescuer. Megumi can't find her teddy anywhere.

Ryo tells her story to Hyudo the next day. Hyudo acts as if he knows nothing and asks her if she is becoming sick. A student then tells Hyudo that someone is in the Dojo that wishes to fight him.

The challenger turns out to be Zankan. Although both sides land a few blows, non are strong enough to defeat the other. Zankan understands that Hyudo might be then one to fight the evil.

The Strange women turns out to be Cain, one of Byodo advisors and true source of the ancient evil. She attacks Yuki while he mediates. After a short battle, Cain shows Yuki the conversation between Zankan and Byodo.

Byodo explains his whole purpose behind his visit. He is the Sorcerer Supreme and this is a challenge to his power. He must fight to keep his control.

Cain explains she is the one who will fight Byodo, when she combines with him. Yuki is powerless to stop the combination.

Back at school a normal day continues. Ryo is still on Hyudo for acting so strangely.

Zankan gets a message, powerful energy reading coming his way. He gets up to spot Yuki entering the school yard, but something is wrong.

The battle between Yuki/Cain and Zankan begins. Yuki/Cain use the Bokken, while Zankan teleports in his armor.

Back at school Hyudo finds the rif-raf attacking Megumi. He quickly takes care of them until they transform into more monsters. Byodo takes over and freezes them in place. Hyudo takes Megumi out and the rif-raf are destroyed.

The Battle between Yuki/Cain and Zankan continues. They are both pretty evenly matched.

Megumi wakes up in Hyudo arms. She is so happy he is there with her. She grabs on to Hyudo, just as Hyudo about to fall for it she transforms into another monster. Byodo asks the monster if it thought he really was that dumb. The monster then uses Megumi's face and she begs him not to kill her. Hyudo is hesitant but Byodo ask Hyudo to trust him. The battle is over with one blast.

Outside Yuki/Cain and Zankan are still at it. Yuki/Cain get the upper hand by destroying part of Zankan's armor. Back in the School Hyudo starts to recreate Megumi's body out of the corpse of the dead monster. Outside Zankan uses a teleport to get the advantage on Yuki/Cain. Inside Hyudo continues his work. Outside Yuki/Cain finally defeats Zankan by pulling him out of mid teleport, and goes down to deliver the final blow. Inside Byodo finally finishes reconstructing Megumi.

Hyudo/Byodo goes outside to fight Yuki/Cain. The Skies darken and the battle begins. They both exchange blows, and Hyudo/Byodo go on the defensive as they destroy the school. After a few energy blast from both sides, Hyudo/Byodo are bleeding with Yuki/Cain following the blood trail.

Of course Hyudo/Byodo lead Yuki/Cain into a trap, and are able to get the upper hand. That is until Cain sends her horn into Hyudo/Byodo chest.

Hyudo/Byodo can't get the horn out of his chest and is tossed around by Cain. Byodo laughs, They charge and Cain is disarmed, literally.

The school then turns back to normal and Hyudo doesn't understand. (It's that dream power stuff talked about in Iczer One, See Iczer 3 or last years Iczer One articles). Ryo comes looking for Hyudo and finds him with a naked Megumi in the infirmary. Ryo then begins to beat Hyudo up as he screams "Let me explain."

Outside Zankan reports everything is back to normal.

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Detonator Orgun-- Act II

Prologue:

It is twenty-fourth century Earth. Technology has grown in time and now humans have begun reaching towards the stars, with space stations and space flight growing more frequent. It is a time of peace on Earth. Yet there is an Earth Defence Force (EDF) with powersuits for some bizarre reason. All the cities are numbered now, and this story takes place in City No. 5. But even in a time of peace, there will always be war. A race of space aliens called the Evoluders is coming to claim the planet as their own. Only the turncoat alien named Orgun can stop them. And once he did (ACT 1) but that was only a very small force. The Evoluders will not let this traitor go so easily though...

Cast:

Tomoru Shindo: The big hero, who doesn't understand why he, a simple EDF student, is to be the key to humanity's survival. He is deeply in love with Michi.

Orgun: The mecha\alien who has come to stop his fellow race from taking the Earth. He "joined" with Tomoru so Earth will not be destroyed.

Michi Kanzaki: The brown haired beauty with glasses. She is a research officer of EDF, who designed the computer I-ZACK, supposedly because of signals she received from space.

I-ZACK: The super-intelligent computer created by Michi.

Yohko Mitsurugi: The EDF Fighter Captain pilot with red-orange hair and a red outfit. She is quite tough and a piloting ace. After her defeat in Part 1, she has quite a grudge against the aliens.

Kumi Jefferson: The little lady in a priestess uniform with lavender hair. She has the power to see the future, specifically that involving the evil aliens. But she also holds some unknown secret connection to alien race...

Leave: Yes, please do. Oh, the character--this is the mecha that knows Orgun from the past, it is red and white. She seems to be female.

Wrong (or Longue): Orgun's old 'commander,' an equal in combat, if not better.

Zoa: 'Head' of the baddies (well next to the ever secret leader known as...)

Meek: The real head of the race. But who is Meek really?

Opening Note: Try watching Star Trek Movie 1 before watching this series. Really! It'll make more sense, sort of...

There's a battle going on and it doesn't look good for the humanoids. Yep, it's the Evoluders. Orgun spots an easy kill. Well maybe not so easy--if you have a conscious. Orgun has too much soul and can't kill the weak. Wrong appears and demands that Orgun obey the will of Meek by killing everything. Orgun doesn't think so. Wrong doesn't care and blasts Orgun and the humanoids.

WHAM! Tomoru comes out of the "Link," mind probe. Unfortunately EDF services didn't get the information they needed--information on creating their own 'Orgun Fighters.'

Around town, Kumi is prophesizing MORE destruction. Yohko believes it easily. The press (as usual) is trying to push it's way to Kumi, all in the people's interest, of course. Inside her room, Kumi is trying to understand what exactly is coming and what they can do to stop it. Problem is, she doesn't really know...

Out at Zoma, the Evoluder Death Star, Zoa is

wondering how they can kill of that bastard traitor Orgun for Meek. Wrong offers his services in the name of Meek. As he leaves, someone watches.

Michi brings Tomoru some lunch at his 'special' EDF room. He knocks it away yelling that he's sick and f--king tired of their tests 'cause he can't remember anything else. He escapes the room and runs. Into Yohko's men. He still gets away.

Out in space, the forces notice something coming.

Tomoru is watching old WWII films in the theater. Michi finds him and drags him to dinner. There, Tomoru exclaims how he doesn't know how he does that Orgun thing, and the link system won't help him remember anything either! He calms down and starts by telling Michi how great she is for creating that super-computer and all that. He asks about her and then she gives him her life story (which, because this is last minute stuff, I have failed to translate). Tomoru saz he hasn't done anything important. Michi tries to tell him of course he's important--he's strongwilled, good hearted, and most of all he's ORGUN. Whoops that pissed him off and he yells at her for continually talking about Orgun. "Is that all you care about me for?" he yells as he leaves.

Michi drives back to base, just in time for lecture to the command on Orgun and all it's systems. The two main commanders start discussion the 'Orgun Fighter' project and how it hasn't gotten anywhere. They aren't going to give up.

Tomoru is standing around near a park when Yohko comes by. She thanks him for saving her (see ACT 1). She kisses him and leaves on the note that they are alike--both are protectors of the human race. Tomoru doesn't think that he really wants to be a protector. Suddenly he remembers how well the PASFU VR system worked to help him 'see the way' in the past.

Wrong lands in the water and immediately toasts the EDF chopper watching him.

And now we have the Mandatory Shower Scene. Once over, Michi gets a call from I-ZACK (hey! at least it wasn't during the shower). He gives a quick report, Michi telling him "wait until tomorrow, too much has been going on lately." I-ZACK saz Good Night and hangs up.

During the night the EDF scramble alert goes off. Yohko gets all ready and then...she's going to try something different this time.

Wrong is wondering what Orgun finds so interesting about this planet.

Tomoru starts up his PASFU system and goes to sleep.

Two fighters spot Wrong. Party time.

Michi is dreaming--or is she. A voice calls her. She gets up and goes to...the Museum! She demands to know who is calling her. No answer, except the appearance of a model of the 2100 Cygnulight Plan. She hears something behind her and old armors of history appear. She looks at one "Leave" it states. "Leave" moves and asks where Orgun is. She knows that he's now with the EDF and so is Michi so...Michi makes a run for it. Leave grabs he disintegrating her clothes. "How beautiful," Leave states "That's why. Once, many many years past, we were like this planet..." Leaves tries to 'take' Michi, but she screams and awakens. All seems peaceful outside as poor Leave stands rejected.

Well, almost quiet, the planes have started attacking Wrong.

Orgun appears to Tomoru, who wants some answers. Why is Orgun here, what does he want. Orgun saz he's here to protect this planet from the Evoluder destruction. He has linked with Tomoru for this purpose. Orgun forces Tomoru to look at his planet Zoma. Tomoru wakes up.

At EDF Orgun begins calling to his 'pilot.'

OK, its another evacuation in the city, as most of it burns. Tomoru is fiddling, asking why Orgun wants him to fight. Two EDF men appear and take Tomoru. It's no longer Tomoru's choice to fight.

Yohko finally appears on the scene with an new test Battler unit. It's powerful--but not enough...Yohko still survives. Wrong takes off for his prey, nice and slow. Leave watches, thinking to herself about Earth's inhabitants.

Stupid Violence bit as two fighters try the C.Y. massive Urban Renewal plan to stop Wrong in the city (had to say it). Wrong toasts 'em while yelling for Orgun.

Tomoru manages to escape his captures. He yells at Orgun to stop calling him--he doesn't want to fight. He emerges to see a woman and her child--ACID FLASHBACK! He goes to help. But hey, Wrong doesn't think that's right noticing how Tomoru has Orgun's life data. Leave also sees this simple fact. Wrong decides that killing Tomoru would be fun. Tomoru the "Demon" are off, and faster than you can say "And I'll Form the HEAD!" Orgun links up. Wrong understands now--Orgun has chosen a soul, becoming the armor of humanity.

They take off. Wrong asks Orgun "why this

planet?" and Orgun answers "This is the one planet that the Evoluder's were never meant to have."

Michi is working fast after her dream sequence. She asks I-Zack for all the info on the 2100 CygnuLight Plan. Now this is where, at 2:00 am in the morning the entire explanation of the story hit me--think about it. It was one of the first "Warp Engine" projects, sent out into deep space with a small crew. As he says "At present time..I've heard nothing from them." Michi asks I-Zack to get and start complying all the information on the various powered suits.

Outside the boys are going at it bad. Nothing else to report.

Michi is blazing threw data comparing and moving the suits and humanity threw evolution.

It looks like Orgun might just lose. Leave suddenly yells to Orgun that she believes he can do it. She understands about this planet. Orgun gets enough heart to fight.

Michi suddenly discovers "The Final Form."

The fight continues and the boys blast each other. Leave saves Orgun. Wrong tells Orgun that he's not following the teaching of Meek, and must be destroyed. Wrong powers up for the big one. Leave suddenly jumps to him and yanks him to space. Leave tells Orgun that she's doing this for him. Together she and Wrong explodes high in the atmosphere.

Later another private meeting is going on. The leaders there, get to see that the planet Zoma is coming. And right in the very heart of it lies..."The Evoluder Head Commander, Meek," explains Tomoru. Yes a female human resembling Kumi (I WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG HAHAHAHAH). Michi then reminds everyone of the now 200 year old CygnuLight Plan. What happened to the crew? What if the Evoluder race is actually evolved from another race before it, namely the human one! This is why the special Orgun unit requires a true human partner to achieve full potential. And how has time and space changed everything for the Evoluder? They are coming and what do they actually know and think now? Only time will tell...

On Zoma Meek gives the order--destruction raining from the skies and all that Flash Gordon stuff.

Tomoru is standing again. He says Orgun has come to protect the Earth--so will he. Michi mentions that maybe Orgun has come to make up for all the wrong that has gone on before. Tomoru explains that it doesn't matter anymore, he will work to protect what he loves. Michi blushes. Tomoru thinks to himself "this is something worth protecting, worth fighting for. Together with Orgun."

By Stephen
"Ore we ima, mo retsu ni okkoteiru!!!"

Dragonball Z Battle Special

Background

Created by Akira Toriyama, Dragonball and Dragonball Z together is one of the longest running series in Japan. Dragonball started back in 1985, and around May of 1989 (just past the 150 episode) it ended. However the show switch over to Dragonball Z and is still showing today.

The story revolves around Goku, his friends, and their fights. In the early Dragonball Goku was a short stubby fighter, who has an uncanny ability to learn martial arts. Later he "Grows up" get's married and has a kid.

the Cast

Goku- Main character of the story. Goku is a member of the race called the Saiyan. Normally a powerful warrior race only interested in power. Goku landed on earth as a child and was raised by a wise old zen master type. Goku was taught martial arts, plus a strict code of ethics. Goku has also mastered a special martial arts move that lets him "Go Blonde," boosting his Ki (personal energy). Goku is the tall narrator.

Gohan- The other narrator for the battle special. Gohan is Goku's son. Since Gohan's mother was human he is only half Saiyan. However he still has all the power of his father. Since Gohan is still young he posses the family curse. Under a full moon he changes into a huge giant berserk wolf/ape. The only way to stop him is to cut off his tail.

Bluma- Bluma is one of the few, normal humans, in Dragonball. Bluma is the tall good looking, purple haired girl. She is not a martial artist, and spends most of her time using her friends to get what she wants. She has a young child by the name of Trunks (See entry below)

Roshi- Wise old zen master type known as the turtle hermit. Roshi has mastered many types of martial arts. Unfortunately he is also a dirty old man, and this leads to some problems. He is always seen with a bald head, a pair of sunglasses, and a loud Hawaiian shirt.

Trunks- Trunks is the son of Bluma and Bizeeta. In the current time he is only a baby. However, he has come back in a time machine and now fights with Goku and Gohan. Since Bizeeta is a Saiyan, Trunks has the potential of a powerful warrior. Like his mother he has purple hair, he carries a sword, and also knows how to "Go Blonde".

Bizeeta- Another of the Saiyan's most powerful warriors, he originally appeared as an opponent of Goku. Bizeeta brought many of his race to battle Goku. However at this time Goku and Bizeeta are uneasy allies. Bizeeta also knows how to "Go Blonde".

Kuririn- Young bald warrior. In the early stories he was the same size as Goku. He had a "do what ever is necessary to win" attitude early on. Now that every one has advanced to such high levels of combat he would rather sit back with Gohan.

Piccolo/ Ma jr.- from the Namexian race, Piccolo is the son of Ma, a powerful Namexian killed by Goku. He came to get revenge, however Goku beat him and saw the potential for good in him. Now Piccolo is one of Goku's allies.

The Battles:

R & R Part I: These opponents attack Goku and the gang in the city causing some urban renewal.

Goku Vs. the Fish: On a typical morning Goku beats up a huge predator fish for food.

Goku Vs. Bluma: Okay, so she hits him with her bike and then shots him in the head a few times. The misunderstanding is soon cleared up.

Goku Vs. the Mad Giant: Goku finds out that even he can get hit.

Goku Vs Kuririn (the Race): As you can see Kuririn can't help but cheat.

Goku and Kuririn Vs. the Monster Army: Although they are both capable of defeating the army they do get run over a few times. The Armies's best fighter also gives them some problems.

Goku Vs. Tao Pai Pai: The ultimate in Ki Blast battles (don't forget to Plant Feet).

Child Gohan Vs. Namexians: They kidnap him easily enough. But remember never piss off Gohan--he has a nasty temper and allot of Ki (even for a child).

Comedy Interlude: Gohan studying, Goku having fun. Goku Vs. Yamacha, Goku learning the Ki blast (Kamehame Ha), More Gohan studying.

Goku, Kuririn, Gohan Vs. Dr. Kochin and Dr. Uiro: With Bluma captured the two doctors attack our heroes. Even using a brain washed Piccolo.

Goku Vs. Taress: Taress is another Saiyan who comes to fight Goku. He attacks Gohan while he is in berserk form. Goku rescues his son but finds Taress hard to beat after Taress eats a rare fruit. Goku finally takes Taress out with a special Ki blast.

Comedy Interlude: Roshi getting lecherish with Bluma, Goku surprising Kuririn, Piccolo surprising a hero, Yamacha being affected by his shyness around girls, Bluma being surprised.

Goku Vs. Serag: Serag is a giant Namexian, Piccolo even tries to lend a hand in this big problem.

Goku Vs. Cooler: Goku learns to "Go Blonde", and uses the power to send back a giant powerblast ball.

Next is the showing of the six times the dragon god was summoned.

Goku and Bizeeta Vs. Ultra Cooler: Now that Cooler is nothing more than a mechanical body, Goku and Bizeeta must "Go Blonde" to defat him/her/it.

Time to name those Special Attacks:

the Jiyan Ha- a block, followed by and eye poke, followed by a face slap.

the Kamehame Ha- A powerful Ki blast.

the Genkidama- A powerful Ki ball

Kai-Oh--Ken- A energy boost that allows Goku to fly very fast.

Masenkou- Gohans energyblast.

R & R Part II: How the Battle started. R & R are crossing town to get to Goku and gang. They are doing it the shortest way possible, a straight line. They get our heroes attention by blowing up the restaurant they were eating at. Trunks is not to happy about this, and the battle begins.

R & R Part III: Bizeeta enters the battle, and Goku, Bizeeta, and Trunks, all must "Go Blonde" to defeat their opponents. With only one left he absorbs the power and memory from his two "brothers" (they are all three cyborg's). Then it's Goku, Bizeeta, Trunks, and Piccolo Vs. one bad mother.

In all, a good overview of Dragonball battles. Since the special was shown on Japanese TV we have all the commercials intact. Most are pretty funny so we will probably not fast froward them. Also watch for the Street Fighter II commercial featuring Chung Li, it's during the commercial break right after the opening credits.

-Douglas Kaien

Fist of the North Star (Hokuto No Ken)

Background

Fist of the North Star started as a manga series by Buronson and Tetsuo Hara. It was popular enough to be made into a television series. The series was also very popular, so a feature film was made based on the television series. Later a second television series was made. Still later an OVA series based on the stories in the original manga was released.

In the year 199X mankind launched a nuclear war, destroying civilization as we know it. Out of the ruins rose the survivors. In the post holocaust world, the weak became slaves and the strong ruled. Men trained in martial arts forms becoming masters of their own destinies. In this world one man is driven by love and hatred that man is Ken Shiro, master of the Fist of the North Star.

the Cast

Ken Shiro: Master of the Fist of the North Star, a deadly martial arts style which involves pushing pressure points on the body. Ken Shiro was betrayed by his friends and colleges many years early. His love for Julia/Yuria, and his hatred for tyrants is the only thing that kept him alive.

Julia/Yuria: Ken Shiro's love, she was stolen from Ken by Shin. She could never truly love Shin who treated her as a queen in his city of Southern Cross. She is later captured by Raoh.

Shin: The master of the Fist of the Southern Cross. He turned against his friend, Ken, when Jagi told him lies of Ken action. Shin cornered Ken and crippled him. He then went on to put the seven scars that form the big dipper on his chest. Shin is now the ruler of Southern Cross a ruined city.

Rei: Master of the Swan style of the Southern Cross. He is on a quest to find his sister who was taken by the man with the seven scars.

Airi: Rei's sister who was captured by Jagi. She has totally blocked out the world as the result of her ordeal.

Jagi: Brother of Ken, Jagi was defeated when he tried to kill Ken. The Scars left by Ken made it so Jagi had to wear a mask or his head would explode. Jagi then told Shin lies that drove Shin to try and kill Ken. Jagi then throw Ken into the valley of the wind. Jagi gave himself seven scars, taking Ken's identity becoming a tyrant ruling with an Iron hand.

Raoh: Raoh has been slowly building an empire for himself defeating all the other warlords. He was Ken's oldest adopted brother who was passes over as heir to the Fist of the North Star because he had no compassion.

Lin: The young innocent girl who has a special bound with Ken. At the beginning of the film she can not talk do to the trauma of seeing her parents killed. Ken then removes the memory allowing her to speak again.

Bat: Young street smart kid who travels with Lin. His parents also died in bandit raids.

Although the best translation Streamline Pictures has done to date, it still has its problems. The problem that hurts it the worst is the fact that they changed One little word. Raoh was told he lacked perception not compassion. I looked perception and compassion up in the dictionary

per.cep.tion *n* 1 The act or result of perceiving 2 Awareness; discernment; insight.

Com.pas.sion *n* A deep feeling of sharing the suffering of another; mercy.

Even though you could say Raoh lacked insight, it still make more since when he spares Ken's life to say that "Before, he lacked Mercy." You can still have insight and be a tyrant.

Dave Zyn

GENESIS SURVIVOR GAIARTH STAGE I

Background

The world of Gaiarth is one that has been raved by a great war, where "Lithospheric Weapons" were used to destroy the land and the people on it. Both those that remained rebuilt what they could, even with the "Beasts," a form of automated robot solider, attacking. The people have also forgotten much about how to recreate and control technology over time, making it into a more mystical art of controlling. And so people have become weak, which may lead to their eventual doom...

Main Characters

Ital del Labard: A young man who was raised for most of his life by a War-roid to become a solider for the war. Since he never had any real interaction with others, he's pretty naive--a perfect country bumpkin. Even though he may not know how to act, he is a very good War-roid mechanic.

Sahari: A Junk-Hunter who is saved by Ital, and later joins forces with him. She is a good shot with her cannon and has a good understanding of current society, making her the perfect partner for Ital.

Zaxon: An old, stripped War-roid that Ital finds and "saves." He is obviously very old, but during his down-time almost all of his memories have disappeared.

BeastMaster Sergeant: The main baddie for Stage I. Who is he fighting for? What are his motives? How does he know how to manipulate "spells" so well? We can only guess, for now.

Warlock: The keeper and leader of the city of Van Gohl. He is one of the top of the line War-roids; the Warlock class is the second highest War-roid ever made.

Mechanics:

Beasts: These are really Republican AutoSoldiers, robots that are only programmed to destroy humanity until they are destroyed themselves.

War-Roid: These are what the Imperial side used in the war, robots that are highly intelligent and can even be said to have souls. They had a symbiotic relationship with humans; humans needed them and they needed humans. There are various types of War-roids, with Warlock types at the top.

Overall, i found this OVA very good. It was both exciting and mysterious, with plenty of little unsolved and unexplained sub-plots (i love good subplots). Don't get worried though--these sub-plots only refer to things that make the whole world of Gaiarth more exciting. The animation was quite good and well paced--i don't believe that i saw any major problems. The subtitling job was also first rate, especially when it came to the translations of the 'spells.' A good 55 minute watch.

-Stephen "Oh I'm quite excited NOW"

Giant Robo

Background

Heeellllllooo, my name is CCCC-kooooo-chan, C-ko will by your narrator for C-ko's most favorite Anime, Giiiiiiiaaaant Roooobooo. It features bad guys, Boooooooooo, Good Guys, Yeeaahhh, and C-ko's boyfriend Dai-Saku (Sigh), and his Giant Robo, Yeeeeeeaaaaah.

The story is about Dai-Saku (Sigh), and his friends the IPO (International Police Organization) trying to stop the evil Big Fire, Boooooooooo.

the Cast

Dai-Saku- The cute leading man of C-ko's dreams. He owns a Giant Robo, and a pair of cute little shorts.

Gin-Rei- Or Gun girl as C-ko likes to call her. She is tough like A-ko so C-ko likes her. However if she tries to steal C-ko's Dai-saku (Sigh), Grrrrrrrr.

Tetsugyu- Axe Guy, C-ko likes Axe Guy, he is big, and cuddly, and a real teddy bear. He also can get rid of those nasty Big Fire baddies.

Taiso- Fire Guy, he can spit fire and do a bunch of neat tricks too. He helps out Dai-Saku (Sigh) so C-ko likes him allot.

Go-Gakujin- He carries these big fans so C-ko calls him Fan Guy. He seems to be the real brains of the good guy, and he doesn't have that laugh like B-ko does.

Chief Nakajo- Leader of the good guys, everyone likes the Chief, Except for the bad guys.

Kenji- A loner agent ,with some strange hair, in Paris. C-ko don't know about him.

Gen'ya- Leader of the bad guy group out to get Dai-Saku (Sigh). C-ko don't like him.

Ivan- A Bad guy with a big nose and feet, and he can run really fast. He seems not to like Gen'ya very much.

Alberto- The German cyborg. C-ko no like him very much, he move really fast also and can spin, and send shock waves.

Ko-Enshaku- A big nasty scary demon samurai type. He scares C-ko, and also the other bad guys.

Professor Shizuma- This guy is in real trouble. He has this Spider like hair which C-ko think is really funny. He has a power cell the Bad guys want.

Professor Franken Von Vogler- A scary scientist who keeps showing up in weird dreams. C-ko hopes Dai-Saku (Sigh) gives it to him.

the Equipment

Giant Robo- A big robot. It stands almost thirty meters tall and Dai-Saku (Sigh) controls him, yeeeeeaaaahhhh.

Train Mecha- A piece of junk Dai-Saku (Sigh) and Giant Robo must deal with.

Shizuma Drive- Some sort of ultimate power source that is pollution free. C-ko don't understand it but the bad guys plans revolve around it.

Story

The Story starts with the Shizuma Drive. Then we see the bad guys, Big Fire, Boooo. They have all these robots and want to take over the world. But then there's the good guys, the IPO, Yeeeeeaaaaaahhhhhh. Their out to stop Big Fire, and their best weapon is Dai-Saku (Sigh) and Giant Robo.

Big Nose drives over to Big Fires Secret Hideout. He brings two brief cases but the third is still missing. Big Nose says the other one is on the way.

On a train Spider Hair is trapped by a bad guy. The bad guy is about to shoot when his gun is shot out of his hand by a robot guy. The robot guy turns out to be Gun Girl and she leaps over to another train with Spider Hair. This makes the Bad guy angry and he sends all these guys in helo-things to get them. Axe-Guy takes care of some of them but then the bad guy comes back with his Mecha Train. Gun Girl and Axe Guy grabs the Spider Hair guy and starts to run, but the Mecha Train is right behind them. The good guys leap over a draw bridge and are rescued by GIANT ROBO, YYYYYYYYEEEEEEEAAAAAAAAHHHHH. Giant Robo hits the Mecha Train once and sends it flying. Dai-Saku (Sigh), then goes after the Mecha Train. With another punch the Mecha Train is finished and Dai-Saku (Sigh), Gun Girl, Axe Guy, Spider Hair, and Giant Robo take to the skies.

Big Nose gets news that the good guys got the other brief case. Gen'ya smarts off to Big Nose and Big Nose wants to hit him, but the Scary Samurai gets in the way. Big Fire then decides to get the brief case another way, Booooo.

Over in Paris, things go real weird as parts of Paris lift into the air. Loner guy is there and encounters the Really Scary Scientist. Then a black out spreads.

Back at the good guy's HQ they look at the mess the Bad guys caused, it's as bad as when A-ko and B-ko fight. Gun girl explains about that Shizuma drive thing. Then Fan guy thinks he knows what the Bad guys are up too.

Giant Robo and Dai-Saku (Sigh) arrive in a big blimp with Fire guy and the Spider Hair guy. Giant Robo is then dropped in a huge tower for safe keeping.

Axe guy and Gun girl go to meet Dai-Saku (Sigh) and Fire guy. Dai-Saku (Sigh) has the brief case. Axe guy gets mad at Dai-Saku (Sigh),but Gun girl puts Axe guy in his place. Dai-Saku (Sigh) gives Fan guy the brief case and Fan guy is now more worried then ever.

Gun girl meets with Dai-Saku (Sigh) outside. Axe guy and Fire guy show up and start teasing Dai-Saku (Sigh). But Gun girl sticks up for him. Axe guy goes through his mind about a date with Gun girl, but he knows he will probably never go out with her. Dai-Saku (Sigh) says good by and runs back to the base.

Fan guy and the Chief discuss what the Bad guys might be up to. And how they might stop them.

Then we get this weird flash back with the real scary scientist. He has gone mad and made the world's largest Shizuma Drive. It looks like an eye, but it blows up. Gen'ya wakes up from the nightmare.

Back in Paris, Loner guy is searching through the wreckage and finds a secret base, and Gen'ya. He also spies a new big eye-thing.

The German cyborg and Ivan meet, they are going to try and take the brief case from Dai-Saku (Sigh), Boooooooo. They spy Axe guy and Fire guy making a fool of themselves in the street.

Later after Axe guy settles down, they have a conversation about Dai-Saku (Sigh) and how important he is to them, yeeeaahhh. They then get called back to base.

Back at the base the German cyborg and the Scary Samurai are attacking. Gun girl gets Spider Hair and Dai-Saku (Sigh) helps. Dai-Saku (Sigh), Gun girl, Fan guy, and Spider Hair try escaping in a car. Gun girl and Fan guy try to slow down the German cyborg, but they just can't stop him. Just when the German cyborg tries to kill Dai-Saku (Sigh), Boooooo, he is saved by Fire guy and Axe guy.

Axe guy frees the car and the good guys are on their way. German cyborg tries to kill Fire guy and they fight like A-ko and B-ko on a bad day.

On the road the good guys are getting away. Dai-Saku (Sigh) gives Axe guy a lesson in science, he is sooooo smart. Then Spider Hair has another scary flash back about the Really Scary Scientist. That's when Ivan shows up with another Big Mecha, Boooooooo. When he fires on Dai-Saku (Sigh), Giant Robo wakes up and frees himself to save Dai-Saku (Sigh). When Giant Robo takes off, Fire guy loose concentration and gets captured by the German cyborg. Will they escape?????????? C-ko has to wait in till next episode.

Don't forget to watch the preview for next episodes.

Until then BYYYYYYEEEEEE-BYYYYYYYYEEEEEEE from CCCCCCC-kkkkoooooooo-Chan

Gunbuster

Background

Gunbuster was made by the Anime production company Ginax. Ginax has always been famous for high quality Anime, and Gunbuster is no exception. Gunbuster was first released back in 1988, it has since become a classic, like most Ginax products do. The character designs are done by Haruhiko Mikimoto, famous for Macross.

Gunbuster is set in the near future. Man has invented a stardrive that allows him to explore the stars. There are some problems though--even with the stardrive explores still suffer for Einstein psychics. The explores age slower than the people back on earth. The other problem is a huge mindless space creature. Much like an insect hive, it finds solar systems and devours them. Earth has encountered these creatures and have built the Exelion and the Gunbuster to stop it.

the Cast

Noriko Takaya: The Young heroin of the story. Early in training Coachi spotted the potential of a great pilot in her, and set out to train her. She is now in charge of leading the Exelion on it's final mission. Noriko controls the movement of Gunbuster.

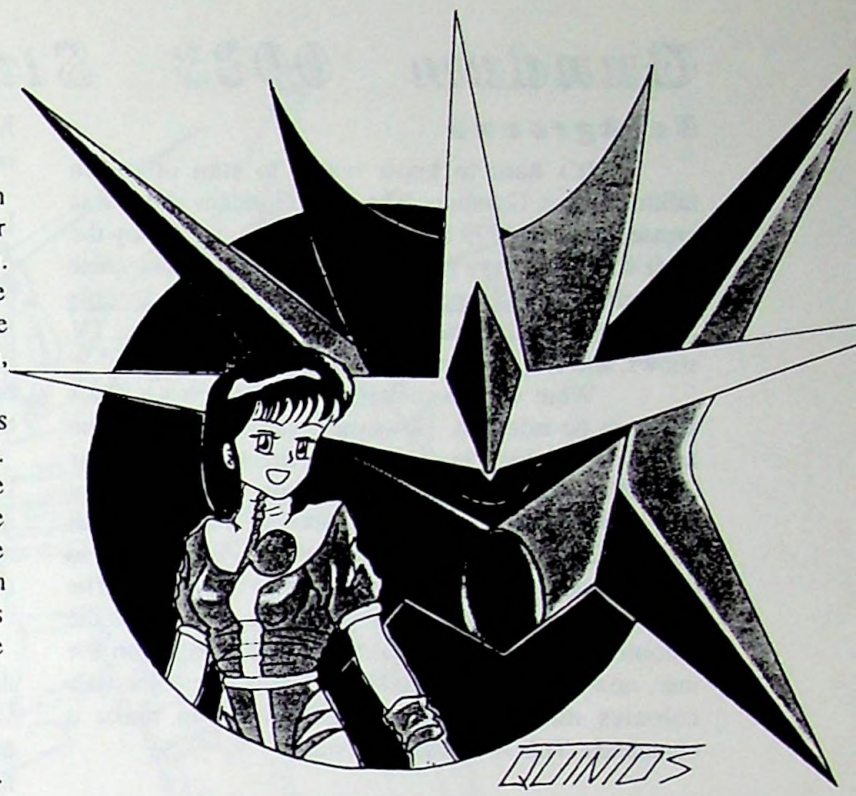
Kazumi Amano: "Big Sister" to Noriko, Kazumi controls the weapon systems of Gunbuster. Kazumi is in love with Coachi but needs to escort the Exelion with Noriko.

Jung Freud: Russian ace pilot and good friend of both Noriko and Kazumi. Jung is very upset over the fact she can do nothing to help her friends on their most dangerous mission.

Coachi (Coach): The three girls main mentor, Coachi is dieing of radiation sickness. This hit's all three hard, but Kazumi the hardest, since she is in love with him.

the Equipment

Gunbuster: The Gunbuster is made up of two Units, most properly named Unit 1 and Unit 2. Both are able to transform, and two together are the most powerful weapon the Earth has. Armed with many weapons and defenses, the Gunbuster must protect the Exelion until the ship gets into position.



Exelion: The largest battleship in the Earth fleet, the Exelion has been transformed into a blackhole bomb. The Exelion will be flown into the middle of alien swarm and detonated.

Blackhole Bomb: This huge bomb was created by striping Jupiter. Since the Exelion only swallowed up a small arm of the alien swarm, the Blackhole Bomb will swallow it ALL up.

Gunbuster is a classic series which is different from most. The first two episode where very comedic. Although the plot has always been serious, many things where added in for comedy. The middle two episode where made even more serious, and the last two even more. However, their is still some comedy in episode 5, check out the different moves of Gunbuster in combat.

-Dave Zyn

Gundam 0083 Stardust Memory

Background

It's hard to know where to start off when talking about Gundam. The first Gundam show was created back in 1979 by Yoshiyuki Tomino. To say the least it became very popular. Later another show came out called Zeta Gundam, still later Gundam Double Zeta. At this time their are 6 feature films three TV shows, and two OVA series that total 18 episodes.

What we are showing here is the latest OVA series to be released. However, even though it is the latest, it is set back in the Gundam timeline. In the year 0079 (the time of the original TV show that started it) a war was fought between the earth and the colonies in space. Sometime in the future the Earth became to crowed and it forced people to move into space. The Earth still kept a tight control over the colonies, and the colonies attempted to break free. The Earth won the war, now 4 years later (0083) some of the Joins (the colonies main armies) are attempting to make a comeback. This is where 0083 starts.

Note: This is a very broad overview of the story. It lacks almost all the detail, so if you wish to learn more about the Gundam universe speak to the author of this article.

the Cast

Kou: Young test pilot at the Australian base, Kou is an expert on mobile suits. He can name the flight envelope of each mobile suit built. He jumps into the Unit 1 when Gato steals the Unit 2.

Keith: Kou's best friend and fellow test pilot. Keith is not as involved with mobile suits as Kou is.

Lt. Burning: Commander of the pilots at the Australian base. Lt. Burning heads the mission to recover Unit 2 before it is able to escape to space.

Nina Purpleton: Young tech who helped develop both Unit 1 and Unit 2. She is at the base to watch the test piloting of her new suits.

Gato: Also known as the nightmare of Solomon. This is because during the One Year War Gato destroyed more Mobile Suits then any other pilot. He has come to steal Unit 2 and use it to resurrect the Join cause.

the Equipment

Unit 1: A newly designed Gundam based of the original from the One year war. Unit 1 is meant to be a little highly maneuverable dog fighter.

Unit 2: Heavily Armored and armed Gundam. This unit was equipped to be able to deliver a Nuclear Warhead (Even though the treaty signed during the One Year War banned all Nuclear Warheads).

Powered GM: An up graded version of the Earth Federation mass production Mobile suit.

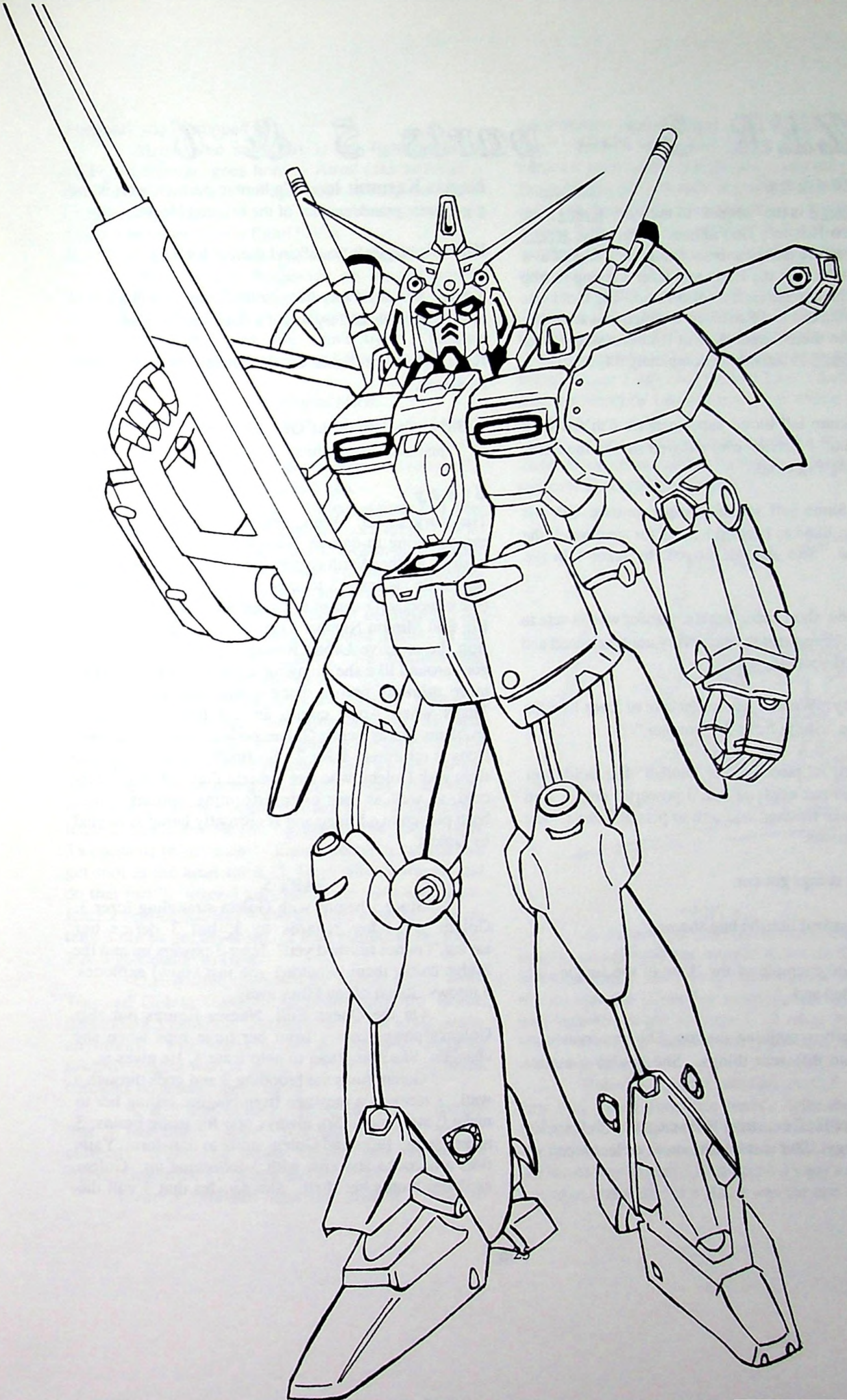
Zaku: The Joins mass production suit from the One Year War. They are now hopelessly out dated however, they are used to test the new suits.

Rick Dom: Another old Join suit the Rick Dom has been updated for the attack on the Australian base.

Xamel: A long range attack mobile suit, it is not good in a close dog fight. The Xamel is also used in the attack on the Australian base.

Gundam 0083 has been one of the top Anime to be released last year. It has set new quality standers for OVA releases. In fact some Gundam fans talk up 0083 such much they make the older Gundam sound like low quality junk

Douglas Kaien



ICZER 3 -- parts 5 & 6

Background

Iczer 3 is the "sequel" to the story Iczer 1, one of Toshihiro Hirano's first anime. Originally, Iczer 1 was an adventure-horror anime dealing with Big Gold's attempt to take over the Earth and Iczer 1 trying to stop it with her human partner, Nagisa Kano. Big Gold was defeated in the end and Earth was returned to normal (via a real bizarre dream theory). But Hirano changed over time and Iczer 3 is something completely different.

Characters

Iczer 1: Same tall blond super-genetic Cth'wlf (just say "Cthulhu!") warrior who enjoyed saving the Earth by destroying Big Gold.

Iczer 2: Same tall redhead super-genetic Cth'wlf warrior who liked to beat up Iczer 1 for stealing all the hair mousse. She was 'destroyed' by Iczer 1 in the original.

Iczer 3: New short super-genetic warrior who is sent to save Earth. Unfortunately she is very unexperienced and acts like a 10 year old.

Sister Grey: Woman who takes care of Iczer 1 on the Cth'wlf base. She is Iczer 3's "mother."(?)

Noes Gold: A "piece" of her "mother" Big Gold from Iczer 1. She has evolved into a powerful entity, who decides to take revenge on Earth to piss of Iczer 1. She had four minions.

Fiber: Her strings got cut.

Insect: Squashed like the bug she was.

Bigro: Good example of the 'Law of the Jungle--the weak are killed and...'

Golem: Only remaining minion. She can transform her body into different things. She is also a master mechanic.

Atros: "Iczer-like" construct Noes created with Iczer 3's Iczerio Energy. She is therefore more or less a part of Iczer 3.

Nagisa Kasumi: Iczer 3's human partner, who is the g-g-g-great granddaughter of the original Nagisa.

Kawaii: Nagisa's "cute" and useless friend.

Yajin: Mr. Cool guy Mousse hair himself. His job is to save the girls and try to get a date with Nagisa.

Rob: Main mechanic on the Queen Fuji. Candy's boyfriend.

Candy: Captain of the QF. She gets to yell "Shields UP!" just as an attack hits.

Story

The story so far: Well, first Iczer 1 wasted all her energy trying to destroy Neos Gold. Neos decided to trash ol' mother Earth to piss her off, and 1 is forced to send little sis Iczer 3 to save the Earth. Five humans (see characters) manage to escape the Moon after 3 kills Big Bad Minion Number One. They all go to Earth to stop the massive Urban Renewal project and Iczer 3 goes around like she's playing a game and kills off two more minions before discovering she has a brain. That's when Atros comes in. 3 has some major problems finally, while Golem builds Neos's Mecha and Neos is reforming Iczer 2. So finally Iczer 3 gets in a fight with Golem, who has a shield that can stop Iczers cold, as well as tons of transforming options. 3 has been pinned to a bridge and is currently being strangled by Golem.

PART 5

Story 5 begins with Golem strangling Iczer 3. Golem gives her regards to 3, but 3 defies her saying,"I'm not finished yet!" Iczer 3 powers up and the bridge below them (wouldn't you just know) explodes. 3 throws Golem off and flies away.

On the Queen Fuji, Nagisa figures out that Golem's power comes from her huge hips when she changes. She asks Yajin to help Iczer 3. He gives in.

Golem finds the brooding 3 and goes through a wall. 3 receives a message from Nagisa, telling her to make Golem mad. So, always one for using brains, 3 makes stupid faces and Golem starts to transform. Yajin fires a bazooka and hits, with 3 following up. Golem explodes looses her shell. She decides that 3 will die.

Suddenly she is stopped by...

Atros, who says this is her fight. Golem, highly distraught, goes home. Atros asks to finish it and 3 says,"No way!" Yajin goes to help but Atros explodes his bazooka.

Atros : Why won't you fight!? Why

Iczer 3: Stop, I don't think we should fight.

They have a discussion on the subject of Iczerio Energy. Atros disagrees and Bombs 3. Atros yells,"Fight! Fight ME! (who does she think she is, a Klingon?)" 3 declares she won't fight. Nagisa intervenes asking them to stop and that they shouldn't fight.

Atros : I must! I am a daughter of Neos.

Nagisa : Fight together (with us) instead. Atros, please..

Atros : I don't understand. I don't understand (do you?)

Atros takes off and the rest help Yajin.

Back at Neos's place: Golem appears and begs for another chance. She gets to meet Iczer 2 (who sticks her sword up Golem's nose). Golem gets another chance and goes to see makeup for a change of costume. Iczer 2 mentions that she's not here to fight 3; her main opponent is Iczer 1. Neos says that by destroying Iczer 3, Iczer 1 will have to come. Golem dreams of the 'good old days' with her sisters. She decides that everyone 'cept Neos will have to die.

The Queen Fuji nears the Palace. Nagisa is having another dream, this time of the final fight between Iczer 1 and 2. She manages to figure out who Iczer 1 is but that other person... She awakes, along with Iczer 3, who is ready to fight. They hear music (gee where have we heard this before). Of course it's Iczer 2. Somehow Nagisa figures out that this is Iczer 3's onesama (older sister). Iczer 3 becomes excited and get shot in the head for it (3: Hey! What'd you go and do that for!?). Iczer 3 asks her not to fight with them. Iczer 2 replies she just wants to see 3's power. Nagisa tells 3 not to get involved. 2 tells Nagisa to keep out. 2 & 3 go outside to fight.

Q.F. is fired upon and the shields finally hold! Too bad Golem starts firing from inside the shield, demanding 3 come out and fight her (3 not being inside anymore). Fire starts to engulf the ship, heading towards Nagisa who is saved by Iczer 3...OK it's Atros (she gets no respect, does she?).

2 & 3 are fighting high in the sky. 2 replies that 3 has much power, too bad she can't use it correctly. 3 gets shot down. Golem gets attacked by Atros. Golem sees 3 falling and takes off.

Iczer 3 smashes into the ground. Iczer 2 asks,"What's wrong? Stand. You must have more than that.". Iczer 3 stands and curses. She attacks, but 2 throws it back (and I thought you could only do that in DragonBall). Iczer 3 fails to give up (She IS powerful, only she has Seiya Stubbornness). Iczer 2 finally shoots 3 down permanently. Iczer 2 proceeds to wonder,"I don't understand. Iczer 1, why didn't you come and save her?"

BOOM!! Iczer 2 is caught at ground zero during an Urban Renewal project. Golem seems to get in the last laugh, ("HA! Now, I, am the last and greatest of Neos's warriors!") but Iczer 2 appears and really 'cuts her up.' Iczer 2 still can't believe Iczer 1 hasn't come to save her Earth (if I hadn't seen it in Anime V, neither would I).

Iczer 1 decides that she is the last hope, but Sister Grey seems to hold another opinion. Iczer 1 takes off for Earth. End of part 5

PART 6

A scene of the overly battered Earth. Neos laughs, saying even her mother didn't do THIS good. She tells Iczer 2 that 2 is her best warrior yet. Iczer 2 replies that she is not her warrior, but fights for her own reasons--to get to Iczer 1. 2 takes her leave of Neos. Neos Gold doesn't worry though; she still has the Iczerio Energy.

Rob, Yajin, and Candy are on Q.F. discussing how they could penetrate Neos's defenses. Nagisa, Kawaii, and Atros are out getting Iczer 3 from some city rubble. Iczer 3 is almost dead, but Atros decides to use her energy to heal 3 (but isn't it 3's anyway?). Iczer 3 awakes and is told that Atros was the one to save her.

3 says "Thank you". Atros gets profound and explains how she doesn't seem to share Neos's ideals, but still decides that she and 3 are enemies and should fight (Does she have a GatchaMan complex or what?). The conversation then continues like this.

Nagisa: You're wrong. You helped Iczer 3.

Iczer 3: Yes you did! Want to be friends? (Who doesn't she want to be friends with!?)

Atros: Friends?

Nagisa: Yes. Fight with us instead.

Atros: Oh, thank you. I'm happy!

Of course Atros runs and hugs Nagisa and Iczer 3 jumps on them. How corny.

Back to Iczer 1 who has made it to Earth and starts to remember the old days--until she's pulled into the "Strange Space," which looks surprisingly bright compared with the first movie. Iczer 2 is there and they start to argue about the 'alliance' 2 has with Neos. They fight.

The Q.F. is ready to attack the main base. Iczer 3 is sent out to destroy the opposing guns (while yelling "SHUT UP"). She uses her massive power to take all of them out. Q.F. is doing well until a stasis field catches it and 3, keeping them from moving.

Back to 1 and 2, still fighting. Iczer 1 doesn't want to fight and 2 then mentions how she fought their little sister and iced her. They fight and talk some more. Iczer 1 still can't see the reason for their fighting (can anyone?).

On Earth, Atros leaves the Q.F. to help 3 outside. Atros tells 3 her plan to disrupt the field and says she'll be fine (yeah, rite). Neos speaks to her, saying she brought her into this world.... Atros replies,"Your not my mother!(I'll never turn to the Dark side! I'd rather die than join you! oops, wrong story)Nagisa is my mother (?)!" She fires and Iczer 3 follows up, destroying the field. Of course Neos toasts Atros, who gives her final regards to Nagisa and then dissipates. The crew, really pissed, rams the Q.F. into the palace, jettisons the front and backs away as the forward helm explodes the palace to pieces (where did this ship get all these stupid things from! What a waste! Who would really build this!).

Back to 1 and 2, still fighting. Iczer 1 calms down, tells 2 she could have never killed 3 and then ... walks away to help 3. Iczer 2 could not kill 1 either, mentioning solemnly, "I waited..."

Out of the wreckage of Neos's home rises a HUGE, 8 armed robot piloted by Neos. Iczer 3 stupidly attacks (is there any other way to attack for her?) and is killed by a massive blast from the Mecha. Except that she was really saved by ... "Onesama!" (older sister). Iczer 1 says she is here now and thanks Nagisa for helping 3. Now, they BOTH stupidly attack, but manage to avoid getting killed. Iczer 3 says she could take Neos if she had Iczer Robo (hint, hint, nudge, nudge). Neos and 1 argue over whether or not the Earth will be saved. Iczer 3 attacks AGAIN (don't they ever learn!?) but is saved from certain death by ... "Onesama!" (Iczer 2 now) who blew off an arm. Neos asks WHAT IN HELL 2 is doing and 2 tells her "I told you already--I don't fight for you." 2 tells her big sister that she must also act responsible like an older sister now.

Parts of the Mecha fall off revealing -- 3: "Iczerio Energy!" 2, the only tactical master, tells 3 to call Iczer Robo, which she happily does. 3 and Nagisa meld with Robo (start cool music). 3 stupidly attacks in Robo now. Robo is thrown back. 1 and 2 start thinking (finally!!) and notice how Neos is connected to Earth. They all work together to rip Neos's wires out but get stunned. Iczer 3, being donkey Iczer, manages to keep up her part and eventually rips Neos into space (with some help from 1 and 2, who were being zapped).

They all go up to space where Neos's Mecha explodes and everyone is knocked out except...

Yes of course Iczer 3 is the only one left awake to fight Neos. They proceed to do a repeat of the first fight of the series. This time Iczer 3 does a bomb, which sounds like an Iczer Mei-ou (like Zeorymers main attack--the Hades Blast), and through her abundant amount of Title Power, kills Neos dead. Everyone's happy. Iczer 3 gives Nagisa a 'Peasoo' sign.

1 and 3 say their good-byes, possibly mentioning it might not be over, and fly back home. 2 is floating in space. Her final line: "Wait until next time we meet older sister. Then you and I...." (not as good as Gill's, but still fitting). She flies into the unknown.

-Stephen (DL) "Oh, I'm QUITE Excited, Now!"

Macross II: Lovers Again

Background

Macross II is the sequel to Super Dimensional Fortress Macross, (No this is not Robotech the Sentinels) one of the most famous Animes on both sides of the pacific. Now after 10 years of rumors, the squeal is here. Again, Mikimoto does the character designs, while the Mecha designed are advance versions of the original.

The story takes place 80 years after the defeat of Dolza and the Zentraedi armada. Earth is pretty peaceful society. Now anytime a rouge Zentraedi fleet finds the Earth the EDF (Earth Defense Force) just plays one of Minmay's songs. The Zentraedi's memories open up, and they are able to be defeated, and converted to protoculture (Males and Females living together). But with this new fleet things are different.

the Cast

Hibiki Kanzaki: The main hero of Macross II, not being a fighter pilot, Hibiki is instead a news reporter. Hibiki rose to the top of the news world with scandal stories. Since childhood Hibiki has always wanted to do war correspondence. Now he gets his chance, and has stumble on to the biggest story since the Zentraedi first appeared.

Silvie Gena: Ace Valkyrie pilot, Silvie was worried that the Minmay attack wouldn't work anymore. She has been trying to warn the EDF high command of this danger. Now in her first real battle against the invaders, guess what--the Minmay attack fails!

the Chief: Hibiki's boss at SNN (Scramble News Network), the Chief doesn't like Hibiki's scandal stories. He knows Hibiki is capable of much better material.

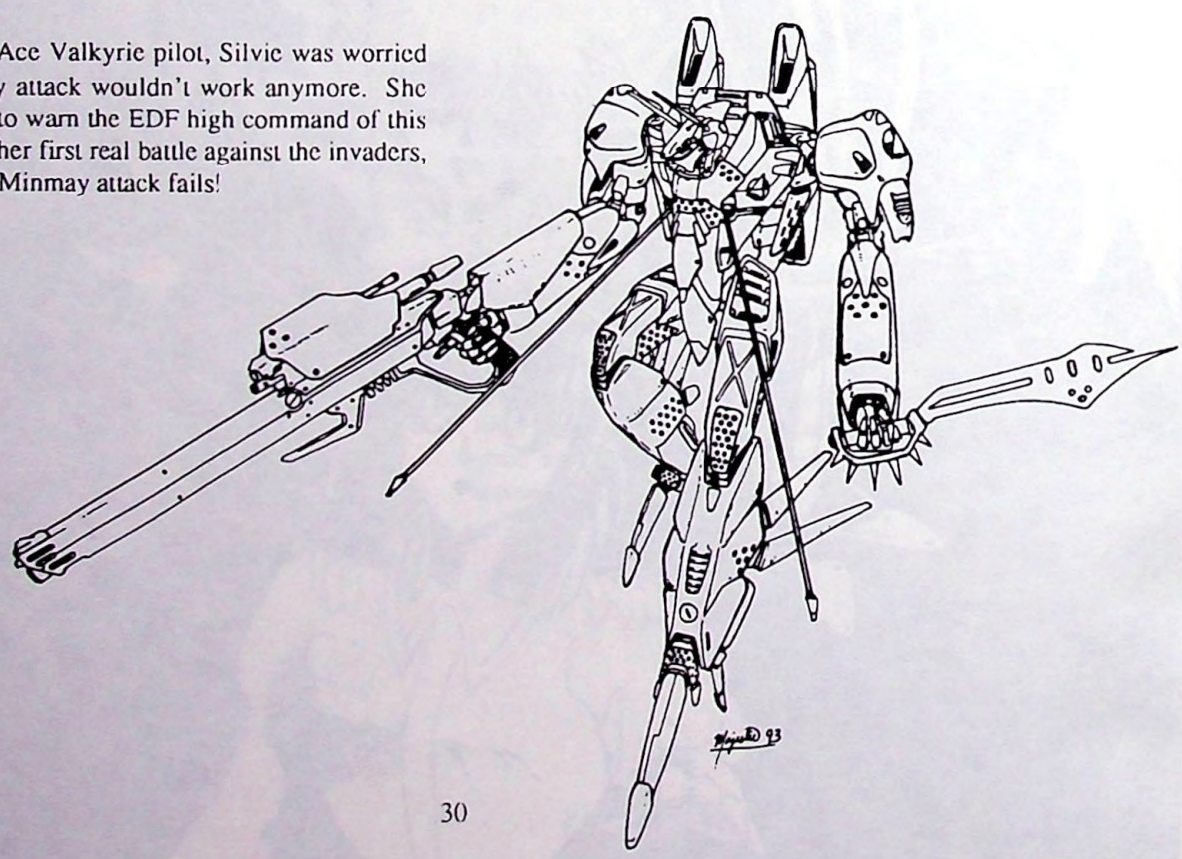
Dennis: Old drunk war correspondent who Hibiki has to pilot into battle for footage. Dennis manages to teach Hibiki a few things before he kicks the bucket.

Ishtar: Mysterious singer who counters the Minmay attack. Hibiki and Dennis find her and Hibiki decides to find out more about her.

The story of Macross II is much like the original, there is a love triangle no one will admit their in. A war with a race that no one knows about. Of course the famous transforming mecha. The story will only be six parts, which are coming out very slowly in Japan.

In all, Macross II is a pretty good squeal, however if it was not for the original I don't think Macross II would be as popular.

-Douglas Kaien



Madara I

Background

Madara is one of the best OVA released in 1991, it just took awhile for use to get both parts in. Madara production crew includes staff from A-ko, Honeamise, Gunbuster, Shurato, Ariel, and Miyu. Also Bandai, Movic, and Kadokawa production companies where involved in it's release.

Madara is placed in a future fantasy world. What do I mean by a future fantasy world? Well, it's your classic set up, medieval society with demons and monsters, Plus add cybernetic limbs. Okay, Okay it's different, however, it is ruled over by Miroku a Tyrant king. Madara is the son that was prophesied to kill Miroku. So Miroku order the child killed, however Madara was saved by the aid of a defecting servant. Madara was then given a cyborg body and raised as the defectors son.

the Cast

Madara: Hero of the story, Madara was born with the ability to kill his father Miroku. To hide him from his father he was placed in a cyborg body. The body was upgraded as Madara got older. The body is equipped with gimmick arms which he can launch at long range.

Kirin: Madara's young girlfriend who accompanies him on his quests.

Kaos: a young psychic revolutionary out to stop Miroku. Kaos has a bio-gimmick arm he controls psychicly. However, Miroku owns half of Kaos's soul, which he can use to stop Kaos with.

Seishin: Young psychic warrior out to help the revolt against Miroku. However like Kaos, Miroku has half his soul which miroku can use to stop him.

Tatara: The Old man who helped Madara escape from Miroku. He raised Madara as his own son. He is an expert in repairing cyberlimbs.

Miroku: The tyrant Emperor who controls the all the land. He uses a demon army to keep the land under tight control.

Story

The story begins with the birth of Madara and Miroku killing the child so it can never defeat him.

Many years later Kaos is being chased by some of Miroku demon army. When things look there worst, Seishin shows up and gives Kaos a hand. Miroku is displeased the two have gotten away.

We then see Madara and Tatara traveling through the desert. Madara is still fooled by simple mirages. They finally make it to the green forest on the other side. They stop in a small village to do some work. It's seems the Tatara is a traveling fix-it. However they are spotted by something.

Before Tatara can get started a charging bull comes through the small village. No one is able to stop it and it heads for a young girl. Madara being the hero he is, jumps in front of the bull and stops it cold. Just as Madara is about to do it in, Kirin, the young girl Soothes the Savage Beast. Madara finally notices how good looking Kirin is and gets a little lecherous. Tatara apologies for Madara and goes to help a fallen man with his cyberlimb, Something is still watching them.

As Tatara works, Madara watches Kirin. After a little teasing Kirin gets Madara to wash clothes for her. Madara then gets interested in a ball game with the younger kids, and Kirin notice that Madara has ruined most of the clothes.

Night falls and Tatara looks at a very valuable sword. As the villagers meet around a camp fire, Madara finally spots the spy. He lose the spy, but gets to see Kirin undressing. He of course gets caught by Kirin who sends him running.

The next day a legion of the demon army comes to town. They are asking for the old man and Madara. Madara can't just stand back as these brutes terrorize the village. The leader whips him for opening his mouth and Madara gets mad. Madara gets his sword and the fight is almost over before it began. Until the little spy interferes.

Did I say little, the spy transforms into a huge demon. The demon attacks Madara but the old man interferes with some magic. The rest of the legions flee. However, the casting took allot out of the old man.

Later the villager ask Madara and Tatara to leave. It seems they don't need any trouble from Miroku or his demon army. Tatara then adds to Madara his last cyberlimbs. It seems Tatara transferred Madara's brian and soul over to a cybernetic body to save him as a child. Since then he has been upgrading the body as Madara has gotten older.

The Demon army attacks again. Kirin is saved

first by a villager, then by Madara. However, the demon attack is all around. It's the same one from before, and this time Madara is his target. Madara and the demon get down to business. However, Madara seems under powered to take him out. Finally Kirin shows up and tells him to put the hilt of the sword to his birth mark. This give Madara the power he needs to defeat the demon.

Tatara last words are to send Madara on a quest to an ruined temple in the desert to find the power to help defeat Miroku.

Madara leaves on his quest and Kirin wants to go with him. Madara doesn't think this is a good idea. However Kirin follows anyway.

Miroku hears of the defeat of his demon and decides to take more of an interest.

Around a campfire Madara and Kirin talk. Did I say talk--I mean argue. Kirin walks away to use the restroom, when she notice something not right. She then see Seishin and screams. Madara, the hero he is comes to her rescue, only to find Kirin and Seishin talking.

Later after talking to Seishin for awhile some ghost-like demons appear who know Madara's name. After Madara's sword does no good, Seishin offers to help, with a little magic.

Things get a little heated and out of nowhere Kaos shows up to help. Seishin finally figures out the danger is below and helps kill the new demon.

Madara and Kirin learn that the two new warriors are also out to get Miroku. The two new warriors go on their way.

Madara and Kirin finally make it to the temple. Inside they find it very dangerous, they are attacked by some monsters inside.

Meanwhile Kaos has also found his way to the temple but makes a wrong turn into another dimension.

Retreating and fighting Kirin finds a secret door, while Madara just falls through the floor.

Madara to finds himself in another dimension. After yelling to find Kirin he finds Kaos instead. Being brash they get into a fight until both are attacked by another demon.

Back at the temple Kirin does another fine job of finding all the secret doors, without looking. She then ends up finding Seishin.

The battle with the demon goes badly for Kaos and Madara. Kaos and Madara spilt up and so does the demon.

Back at the temple Kirin and Seishin find the main chamber. Before Seishin can do anything Kaos breaks through the wall.

Madara is still busy with his half. The demon ends giving Madara the two cent tour of the dimension (Here look closely at this rock formation).

Kaos tries to blow up the temple but is stopped by Miroku who tries to control both Kaos and Seishin with the other half of their souls.

Madara finally shows up and the demon combines back into one again. Madara is down so Kirin takes up arms, most notably Madara's sword. She then accidentally releases two mecha. Kaos tells her they are under her control. She then orders them to take care of the demon which they do. Madara then delivers the final blow to the demon, with a super-special Ki-sword hack.

Miroku is, to say the least a little pissed about it. With his power he destroys the temple.

This part of the quest is done. The two groups part again, however, they know they will meet again.

Douglas Kaien

MAMONO HUNTER YOHKO -- DEMON HUNTER YOHKO

By "D," Vampire Hunter

There is much evil in this world. But there are those who fight to stop that evil. I am one of them. So is the well known Mano family line, which has passed through the centuries, who works to stop the onrush of Devils and Demons that seek to enslave the human world every century or so. This is the story of their current "Demon Hunter," Yohko. She is a young innocent maiden who lives in modern day Japan who must eventually learn and control the secret of her ancestors. From there she must work hard to stop the devil plague from entering the human world--no little task, even for one of my age and experience.

Characters:

Yohko Mano: A young 16 year old maiden. She, like all maidens, is caught in the tangled web called 'love'. If she had as much experience as I, she would know how to contain the overflowing lust for flesh

Sayoko Mano: Yohko's mother. She is a victim of current times, and understands how Yohko should indulge in the pleasures of the flesh.

Madoka Mano: The elder of the honorable Mano clan, who I do believe I met when she was but a babe. She is a demon hunter, the 107th to be exact, meaning that like all humans she is but a young upstart. She does have the fair Yohko's best interests in mind though.

Reiko: Evil pestilent demon vampire, who inhabits the shell of a radiant human vixen. She is one of Yohko's classmates.

Chigako (Chi for short): She is Yohko's best friend, if one can ever call one like her a 'friend.'

Osamu: A lost boy, who has fallen in 'love' with Yohko. Yet, he is weak willed and easily tempted by flesh.

Hideki: The man Yohko has fallen in 'love' with. But like all 'love' stories, she can never tell him.

The overall tale is a short, yet sweet one, filled with 'love,' conquering, and a bit of flesh. Even though the english is not as properly translated as I, of partially Japanese heritage (my human mother was from that great land), would haved deemed fully 'correct' it is still emphatic of the true meanings seen within. As a fellow 'Devil Hunter,' I, D, rate this tale as good.

PROJECT A-KO 3 Cinderella Rhapsody

Backgrounnd

Project A-ko, by Moriyama Yuuji, was originally meant to be a porno flick, but luckily mutated into one of the most famous parody movies of all time. The story is simple and rememberable -- A-ko is a high school student who is friends with a ditz named C-ko. Another student, B-ko, wants C-ko as her friend and continually tries to beat A-ko in an ongoing "duel" for C-ko. When they fight, Massive Chaos ensues. And then there was that big spaceship crash incident and the aliens searching for their princess. But that is just the beginning of the fun in the A-ko mythos. But that's behind us all as we move on to summer vacation in this installment, when the girls grow up a bit--as a man named K enters the arena...

Characters:

A-ko Megami: Cute redhead who possess extraordinary super powers. This is due to the fact her parents are Superman and Wonder Woman. Unfortunately, most of her time is taken up fighting B-ko. She also wears arm bands--there's a reason for them, just watch and see.

B-ko Daitokuji: Beautiful lavender haired super brain. She is the daughter of a very rich father and enjoys spending money building new things with which to destroy A-ko with. Her main item is the "Akagiyama 23" suit which makes her as strong as A-ko.

C-ko Katobuki: Ditzy blond with flowers in her hair. There is not much to say about her except that she is the CUTEST girl in this anime world and has the mind of a 10 year old. She is also the (one of many) worst cook in the world. Oh, did I mention that she's an alien princess too?

D and Captain: The two major Aliens of C-ko's race who were part of the alien force sent to bring back C-ko. Unfortunately, their massive ship crashed aka Macross and now they are stranded on Earth. They want to escape badly. They are also both "she."

Ayumi Sensei: The beautiful teacher at Gravitron High. She teaches English and even worse, she has the three girls in her class.

Ine, Asa, Ume, and Mari: B-ko's four spies who do all the foot work. Ine has buck teeth, Asa has freckles, Ume has glasses and Mari is a Ken Shiro (FoNS) look alike.

K (that's spelled "Kei" in Nihongo and printed on his necklace. But I like using the letter "K," it fits the mythology): The strange man that appears. How will a man affect the relationship between the girls? Does he ever speak in full sentences? Is Rei of UY smarter AND better looking? Watch and see.

We start with this excellent scene of A-ko, B-ko, and C-ko at a smoky pool hall. The girls are older and playing a game of pool. A-ko breaks and then B-ko fumbles a shot. It's C-ko's turn and she goes for a really difficult shot. The cue bounces off to sides into the 1 which sends the 9 ball right in. Wham! Reality sets in with a slightly SD C-ko yelling "Number One! C-ko's win!" OK, so it was only a Freudian dream sequence of C-ko's.

Life goes on as A-ko and C-ko walk to school discussing what to do over vacation (watch for the spaceship floating in the bay). Everyone is taking a test in English, but that doesn't stop them from thinking about vacation. A-ko wants to see some movies, B-ko wants to know what A-ko is doing and C-ko wants to make lunch for A-ko. Ayumi looks at the class and sees only slavering Demons. Going by A-ko

we see the aura of the Dragon ready to attack it's ancient enemy the Tiger, B-ko. We will not discuss C-ko's aura or her baking plans here. Suddenly the tension over time erupts and WHAM Ayumi Sensei is thrown back. The bell finally rings and everyone makes haste to get the hell out of school.

A-ko and C-ko are going around town looking at stores. C-ko wants to look at toys, but A-ko manages to get her to a clothes store (as Ine follows). Unfortunately for A-ko the prices make the American National Debt look like pocket change (well, not THAT much, but 65000¥ is one load of cabbage). A-ko becomes depressed and C-ko tries to cheer her up.

Suddenly A-ko sees a REALLY CUTE DRESS THAT SHE MUST HAVE (costing 25900¥)! Ms. Matsumoto from MADOX-01 asks if she wants to try it on and A-ko gladly accepts. They get into a long discussion on how A-ko can look better (as if those bastards aren't always trying to sell you more stuff) which makes C-ko mad for not being the center of A-ko's attention. C-ko yanks off A-ko's clip-on earring and runs into traffic. K is driving his bike and suddenly C-ko stops before him. He can't and C-ko is killed horrible. Oops, he didn't hit her, instead he stops suddenly and says his famous first words "Are you alright?" We here violins and see roses--yep it's LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, AGGHHHH. C-ko runs away and K picks up the earring C-ko dropped. Luckily for us, he is run down by A-ko chasing C-ko. K gets up from the garbage and takes off his helmet and glasses. OK, so he might be a tad bit good looking. Maybe. He takes off and we see that apparently he took out Ine in the fall.

A blimp. Advertising "Spaceship Land." An earring. Like a glass slipper. A-ko's train of thought is wondering about but always coming back to THE DRESS. "I got it!" she yells.

B-ko watches the tape of the day. She tells her minions that they can forget vacation--they are to watch A-ko continually instead.

At Mods Bonn we see A-ko working the homely job of Burger Shover. She screws up the order at first, but she learns quickly. C-ko is jumping around, trying to get to the counter (watch for various Anime appearances). C-ko orders some food and A-ko pushes her into getting fries and apple pie too. But C-ko has no cabbage so A-ko tells her to wait and when work is over they can go out. Suddenly there is a flash of a pendant and the words "Cola" echoing in our tainted mind. Yeah, it's K and A-ko can't help but drool as she apologies for smashing him. K, not knowing any extra words today, saz nothing. She finally gets his cola, just as B-ko arrives. B-ko wants to finish the eternal duel as usual but notices K. A-ko "introduces" him by grabbing his pendant (she should only look not touch). A-ko wonders whether she should go after K or see to C-ko. K knocks over is helmet and A-ko decides that was an invitation for a ride. K finishes his cola in 2.7 seconds (all that damn ice) and leaves with A-ko.

Oh god, A-ko has to touch him to ride (sick). She gets the nerve and wraps her arms around him (sick). They ride past the spaceship (yep, the island with C-ko's face on it) and across roads that go nowhere. A-ko holds K tight (sick). She thinks this is a dream (no, nightmare). Finally she gets to C-ko in the park, later that night (where does all the time go). K gives C-ko THE LOOK and she freaks, ready to bite 'is bloody 'ead off for stealing A-ko. He leaves without a word (forgot his flashcards) but looks longingly at the single glass slipper earring he has.

At Daitokuji home, B-ko is yelling about A-ko being with K. She falls for K's THE LOOK. The next day, while spying, the four other girls fall for K as he enters the Mods Bonn. He doesn't even say anything this time and A-ko gets him a cola. I think it's mind control or something. It doesn't work on C-ko--she still hates him. K say a big ol' "Thank You" and A-ko goes wild with repeat flashes. Another girl wakes her just in time for A-ko to see K sit with C-ko. After work A-ko asks what he said and C-ko replies "nothing at all." A-ko is troubled so C-ko gives her the letter K gave to C-ko. It's an invitation to the massive opening party of "Spaceship Land" the amusement park. A-ko gets dramatic.

The spies report back and B-ko gives THE ORDER. B-ko decides to go to the party and steal K. We go back to A-ko, who is having perverse little dreams about K (close your eyes). A-ko falls asleep.

The next day, A-ko is running about, trying to get into shape. At night, A-ko starts to get ready. B-ko watches secretly as she also gets ready. A-ko uses cucumbers on her face and finally both she and B-ko, unknowingly, have a good laugh together.

Party day: A-ko goes to get her dress but IT's NOT THERE! Miss Matsumoto tries to help, but its no use. C-ko eventually freaks again, but this time she's much more helpful... A-ko is ready, wearing a red dress and NO BRACERS. She is also wearing the single glass slipper earring. She gets to the party and freaks when she sees Mari stuffed into THE DRESS. B-ko appears looking like Nabiki from Ranma movie 2 (or is that the other way around). The party starts and A-

ko and B-ko start the war of words over K. K appears, getting in the way. A war of power starts to break out, as B-ko uses a new toy to throw force waves at A-ko. Ha, no problem because A-ko, without her bracers, can do the same thing naturally.

An alarm goes off, and the Godzilla Anti-Destruction Squad of Japan is called into force to stop the chaos. This is where you get to see tons of cool parody in-jokes, which I refuse to explain here. And yes, that is Ayumi Sensei taking off on the bike in the Bikini (summer job?).

A-ko and B-ko are whining to each other about how one or the other has screwed up their chance with "their K." K finally speaks again saying, "C-ko san, I love you." CRACK, A-ko's perverted reality is destroyed. A-ko can't believe it as C-ko starts to answer. A-ko begins to yell "Shut --" .C-ko looks into K's eyes and says "What A LOAD!!" while sticking her tongue out. "UP" finishes A-ko as she completely destroys the massive platform. The repair team gets ready. K sits alone on a spire crying (like a jerk).

A-ko walks home with C-ko. A-ko apologies when C-ko gives her a bunny earring in place of the lost slipper. They walk home together, happy again.

B-ko appears saying "Until next we meet, A-ko, I will win. Just wait and see!" Unfortunately she's still stuck in rubble.

-Stephen "Oh, I'm QUITE excited, Now!!"

LORD QUINTOS

Ranma 1\2 Movie II
"The Great Battle of Togenkyo. Steal Back the Brides!"

As the title informs us all this is the second Ranma 1\2 movie around. But Ranma has gone through much to get here. It first began as a manga in Shonen Sunday by Rumiko Takahashi-sensei and then grew into a weekly TV series. It drew from a large and varied audience taking in many fight and comedy fans, as well as most of Takahashi-sensei's old fans. Over three long years, the Ranma phenomena grew. Today, Ranma the manga still goes on, but unfortunately the TV series has ended in September of 1992. This movie, as well as the TV series and the first movie is drawn by Atsuko Nakajima, who's style has changed much since last I saw it (she never drew the chars so BIG before). So on with the basic story, which involves many characters (Takahashi is well known for having too many complicated characters) who all interact so well that it would take up pages just trying to explain it. So let the character descriptions be your guide to the complex and funny world of Ranma 1\2!

Characters:

Ranma: The main character who is uniquely cursed (as are some others) due to a pool of water in China. Usually he is male, but when doused with cold water he becomes a "she" with red hair (we refer to "her" as Ranma-chan, and Him as Ranma or Ranma-kun). Hot water returns him to normal form. Either way, Ranma is always being chased by members of the opposite sex.

Genma: Ranma's dad who turns into a Panda. Also a master of Martial Arts.

Soun Tendo: Genma's best friend and Master of Martial Arts. His three daughters are Akane, Nabiki, and Kasumi, he has been known to freak out when any of the three "disappear."

Akane: Ranma's fiancee (their parents forced this) who is always fighting with him and other boys. Guys are always chasing after her for a date (or marriage).

Nabiki: A master of being able to use anyone for her own needs. Nabiki's main focus on life is becoming rich. She has the most brains out of all the characters.

Kasumi: Akane's older sister, the most homely, docile woman around. Kasumi makes politeness and homeliness into an art.

Ryoga: Ranma's "nemesis" who wears a headband and turns into a little black pig. He is secretly in love with Akane.

Shampoo: Young Chinese warrior maiden who is always after Ranma's hand in marriage. She has lavender hair (with balls in it) and changes into a cat.

Mousse: Chinese boy who is always trying to get Shampoo to marry him. Wears really thick glasses (he's usually blind with out them) and becomes a duck. The ultimate master of secret weapons.

G-Grandma: Shampoo's very old Great grandmother who is short and has a big stick. G-G also knows many secrets.

Happosai: Perverse old martial arts master who steals female undergarments and always goes for a cheap fondle.

Ukyo Kuonji: She has long hair is a master of cooking Okonomiyaki (a type of fried food). She is also Ranma's fiance and is in love with him.

Kuno: Rich guy, who always uses a wooden sword (bokken). He wants to marry Akane and the "Pony-Tailed Girl" (Ranma-chan) who he still hasn't figured out is Ranma.

Toma: Young prince of Togenkyo, a master of Illusions, Magic, and Martial Arts. He seeks a bride (don't all princes?).

Sartoru: This Monkey-boy is Toma's main minion, who does most of the speaking.

Tristan: Bird-man, who is the coolest of the three minions. But what is he really like without that mask?

Wanton: The strong-arm Dog-boy minion who usually takes care of the rough stuff.

Story

Everyone is partying at an unknown beach. Ranma-chan screws around surfing, catches a bad wave and goes flying. Akane complains about Ranma having fun while she and Ryoga have to set up shelter. Ryoga tells Akane that he is more than happy to help her, unlike Ranma. Ranma, sitting in the water hears this, and tells Ryoga that he knows that Ryoga would rather be playing to. Ryoga says he's not like Ranma at all. Ranma laughs and challenges Ryoga to take a dip in the nice cold water finishing with a mumbled, "come on, come on, P-chan..." Ryoga is not happy and yells , "How dare you joke with me like that in front of Akane. I will never forgive you!," he finishes as he grabs a huge rock. Ranma changes directions, "Just a joke, a joke. Don't get excited or anything." Ryoga throws the rock. Ranma runs and manages to avoid the missile. "Don't think that's the last you'll here from me," Ranma-chan mumbles while sticking out her tongue. "I'll never forgive YOU!" yells Ryoga while throwing more rocks. Akane tells Ranma to stop annoying Ryoga. Kasumi comments, "They always have such good relations with each other..."

At the NekoHanTen (which has a branch everywhere--even deserted islands), G-G is yelling at Mousse to hurry up with the tables so he can get to the floor. G-G throws him two bowls of Ramen to deliver but Shampoo intercepts them. The bowls are for Ranma's party and that means she has to go. Mousse says he wants to play at the beach too but G-G hits him with water saying he better get back to work.

Ukyo is cooking Okonomiyaki. She writes "Love for Ranma -- Ukyo" on the current one. She starts thinking how wonderful it is.

Suddenly she hears Ranma. Ryoga is chasing her down the beach. Ukyo calls Ranma over for lunch and then Shampoo appears offering the Ramen. They start to argue over what Ranma will eat. Ranma yells that they're in danger as Ryoga throws a boulder. Ranma grabs both girls, throwing his board and makes the escape. Ryoga gets hit by the surfboard. Safe, the girls ask what Ranma wants to eat. Suddenly Happy bursts out of the Ramen holder. He says how nice the beach is with all those revealing bathing suits and 'attacks' Ranma. She smashes him off but Happy got her shirt. The chase, like always, is on.

Flashback: Everyone is at home dying from the heat. Ranma says she wants to go to the beach, but Akane tells her they don't have the money for that. Surprise! Kuno appears inviting Akane and the Pony Tailed Girl on a trip with his new yacht, the "Bin Sense." Suddenly it's a trip that everyone is going on. Kuno yells out "Who invited you guys!"

At sea, everyone is enjoying the great weather. Akane wonders if Kuno knows where their going so Ranma calls out to ask. Kuno sees clouds ahead. Shampoo and Ukyo appear explaining the radio said there is a big storm coming. Kuno claims not to worry, his ship can withstand anything. So faster than you can say "Gilligan's Island" everyone is stranded on a deserted desert island.

Back to real time. Nabiki wonders if the ship will ever get repaired and Akane says that they're ready to go home. The girls hear Ranma yelling "Wait old man!" just at Happosai comes running through. Ranma wants her shirt back badly, badly enough to chase Happosai to the broken ship. Happy climbs the mast and taunts Ranma. The mast falls. Ranma says "Sempai, the mast is ..." Kuno replies without looking ,"What, pony tailed girl, what is wrong with the mast ...ah, it's a BROKEN mast!" He falls in defeat. There's

something moving through the water and Ranma hears it. Akane suddenly appears, grabbing Ranma and yelling about what Ranma is going to do about the ship. Ranma says it's Happy's fault and Akane insists that both of them caused the mess. Ranma mentions that she heard something strange but Akane won't let up. A shadow appear and goes to Kasumi. Nabiki is watching and mentions "Those two are getting along well, Sister Kasumi?" But Kasumi isn't there -- in her place is only a peach.

Shortly, Soun has already started freaking about Kasumi's disappearance. Nabiki doesn't know what happened and Akane knows Kasumi would never wander off. Ryoga tries to reassure them that there's no way she could have left the island, so all they really have to do is wait. Ranma grabs him is reminds Ryoga that Kasumi was the cook and now there's only Akane -- would he like to try her cooking? Akane slams Ranma with a pan. Genma says it's only a matter of time. Nabiki can see that their father may be completely insane by then so everyone should try searching instead. Everyone grabs a partner. Ryoga gets dramatic thinking this could be his chance with Akane, but by the time he's done thinking everyone except Genma has left.

Ranma and Akane are searching when Happosai goes running by. He's going to see Shampoo and get some Ramen. But Mousse, from out of the jungle, stomps him yelling, "Give back Shampoo!" Ranma stops him with a well placed foot. G-G asks if they know about Shampoo. An investigation of the shop reveals -- a peach.

Genma and Ryoga are looking. Genma gets thinking and mentions maybe a giant Octopus got Kasumi. This gets both of them worried. Ukyo runs up to them asking what they are doing. They quickly explain the situation. Ukyo thinks for a second and decides that since the cook is gone, she can feed Ranma. She runs off and is suddenly swallowed by a shadow. A peach is left in her place and the guys really freak this time.

Back at the tent Soun is whining about Nabiki and Kasumi. Kuno starts to explain and them HE disappears. Fooled us, he only fell off the platform. Soun has another peach. Everyone finally returns with news. Happy can see that everyone who was taken was a woman and there was always a peach left behind. G-G says, "A warning." "To who?" replies Ryoga. "I don't really know. However Kasumi, Nabiki, Shampoo and Ukyo were all taken and it's obvious who is next..." answers G-G. Everyone looks at Akane. "It will be me." poses G-G. BONG. "How in hell did you come to that?" asks Ranma. "Don't be so rude -- I'm a woman too," finishes G-G. Everyone decides to set the trap with the OTHER woman.

Ranma-chan is tied to a post -- perfect bait. Everyone is waiting, stupidly with Akane in the back. A shadow suddenly grabs her. Ryoga tries to pull back and G-G yells at him to do his special attack. Ryoga "Bokusai-ten-getsu"'s (Point Breaks) the sand and out jumps ... a monkey-man? Monkey-man asks who they are calling a monkey-man. They hear Ranma-chan yelling and Akane grabs the rope and pulls. Now pumped up, Ranma-kun runs after his two shadows. The sand explodes and out appears two minions and a giant shining peach. The peach lands and out emerges a boy. "It's nice to meet you. I'm the magical prince of Togenkyo (roughly the "Peach Illusion Village"), Toma." he says. He turns down the light. Mousse jumps forward demanding Toma return Shampoo. Toma explains how he has taken all the women to his harem in Togenkyo --he asks would Akane like to join him? Ryoga and Akane tell him off and to return the girls. He persists saying that there's plenty of good men to fall in love with and if they don't do there's always more men... Sartoru, the monkey-boy, puts a lobster in front of Toma who pours water from his gourd onto the creature. The lobster becomes a lobster-man! "It's man-water" the changers yell as they run towards Toma. His eyes light up. "Silence, dark things!" he yells as he pumps them back with a psychic wave. You are less then men. See my ultimate attack -- Yogen-nan-geki-dan" (that's "shouting disaster declaration blast" I think).

The hero's eat it as Toma flies to his island with Akane.

The next morning, they awake Ranma. She notices that she is still in one piece and G-G explains that Toma's entire attack was one massive illusion. Ranma has a hard time believing this. Then she remembers what happened before she was knocked out. G-G points out the home of Togenkyo. Soun tells Ranma that she must go and save the girls. Ryoga says, "Don't worry, father, I Hibiki Ryoga will go a retrieve your daughter Akane!" Soun looks at him and says "What do you mean by calling me father?" Mousse, for absolutely no reason, grabs Genma and tells him that he's going too. They finally get it together and the stupid changers try to SWIM there. They, of course, get all wet. Kuno appears so Ranma asks him for a small favor...

Somewhere they get a boat (a lifeboat from the Kuno's Boat?) and take off for the island. The one thing on Ranma's mind is "I will get that water!"

Akane is taken to the harem. She first meets with Ukyo. When Akane mentions how Ranma always comes, Ukyo starts ranting how "My love Ranma will come and save me..." Akane hopes Ranma gets here soon.

The heros are spying outside. They get ready to rush the place and G-G stops Ranma telling her that they can never win that way. An alarm goes off and Happosai jumps from out of a window onto the guards. Ranma stops him and gets the story of how there is a giant harem inside. The guards get up at run towards the group. Happosai takes off leaving Ranma with a bomb. She is knocked out. The two guard, thinking she is an escapee, take her back in. They show her to the big three saying that Ranma is the last. Tristan says that he's seen her somewhere before...Ranma says she would remember meeting him anywhere and gets out of trouble. Sartoru tells her to get into her dress for Toma. Ranma follows their orders and again escapes trouble. While looking for a dress, G-G appears, already dressed for Toma's big appearance.

Ranma exits and the big three start to drool. Sartoru wakes up and points her in the right direction.

Ranma arrives at the harem and wonders about all the women, are they ready to give themselves to Toma? Kasumi, Ukyo, and Akane see Ranma but so does Shampoo who jumps on him. Akane hits him with a coconut asking "What are you two women doing together?" Ranma joins them. The girls explain how the chosen woman will be the great princess of this island. Which leads to the appearance of Nabiki, eating all the service up. She's more than ready to have tons of people serving her.

Toma appears with a puff of smoke. Kasumi and Ukyo mention how young Toma is. Nabiki says she doesn't care, as long as she is queen of this island. Ranma escapes from Shampoo and heads to Toma. Pressing herself upon him, she tries to old "I'm your fiance" trick. When Toma fails to recognize her, she cries and .. makes a grab for the gourd. He stops her and says, like all the other women she too must 'compete' for him in the "Kakuto-omiai-gasen" (Fighting bridal competition). Sartoru explains to the crowd that the winner of the competition will be Toma's wife. Ranma knows he must win and Akane wants to know why.

The first competition is a "Rice Grain Race," which involves the precise use of chopsticks and speed. Shampoo and Ukyo want to know what this competition is really about. Tristan patiently shows them the bill for the entire competition and it's one huge wad. He says, to Toma, that amount is nothing for finding his bride. The pistol rings and Ranma hums as she uses the Kachu-tenshin-amaguri-ken speed to move all the rice to one plate. She takes it to Toma saying "I'm - the - Best!" Toma didn't think that was interesting enough and the competition continues, much to Ranma's disamusement.

The next competition is "Survival Ikebana (flower arrangement)," and dangerous it is. Ranma easily cuts the flower down to size with precision and beauty. Toma liked that, but Akane didn't since she became part of the sculpture. Toma tells the competition to continue because "It's not always interesting if you're always number one."

The next competition I couldn't hear because it involved "who's scared of big rats" and all the girls screamed. Ranma has no fear of rats, but as for what's chasing the rats...

The men enter Togenkyo with Happosai's help. He begins leading them to the Harem. Ryoga and Mousse rip open the doors and..it's the guard room. The two excuse themselves. Too bad the guards still noticed.

Ranma runs into a tree running from cats. Sartoru asks Toma if the choice is made?? Toma replies not yet--it's been interesting but he still hasn't found the right one. Nabiki is cheering Ranma on nevertheless. As the next competition almost begins, the guy burst in. Unfortunately they are followed by hundreds of guards. They demand their women back and Toma sets the guards on them. It looks like a good day for Seiya as the guys crush the minions in their own unique

ways. Ranma is still trying to win the competition. Genma bitches him out for acting like a girl. Toma is loving every minute of it until. THE TENDO SLAP OF DOOM™ strikes him. Akane immediately goes into a long speech about how terrible he is for playing with these girls feelings for his own pleasure. He asks for her name and then chooses AKANE as his wife. The competition is over, Akane has won. Sartoru then asks what of the other girls. Toma is generous and gives them to his loyal male subjects. Everyone runs off with their prizes. Ranma is MAD. She approaches Toma and tries to convince Toma not to take Akane. He uses the "She's uncute, unsexy, vicious, violent, tom-boyish, etc.." approach, which makes Akane quite mad. Ranma-chan would make such a better wi...Akane hits Ranma with a brick saying that Ranma is supposed to rescue her, not insult her. Ranma tries again and Akane hits her with the chair. Akane and Toma disappear with a flash. Soun whines about his lost daughters.

The love-birds are in Toma's room. Akane gets personal with Toma, talking about each other's family. Toma tells her how he really likes her -- allot. He decides to show her his magic pool of man-water. With that lake of water, the two of them can be happy. Akane mentions how she already is a fiance. Toma asks if she like the other guy and Akane really can't say. The alarms suddenly go off. The attack is on and Toma leaves.

The guys (+Ranma-chan) take to different ways to find the girls.

Nabiki is in Wanton's room, hitting him with a pillow. She won't marry him unless he gives her lots of money and presents. Wanton offers her a bone with a ribbon. Kuno comes flying through the door, with Ranma right behind. He gets up and challenges the stumped Wanton. But the dog is good and puts Kuno through the wall. Ranma gets ready, but Kuno attacks again. Wanton is smashing him and Nabiki finally helps out by whistling. She asks for Wanton's hand. Then she has him stand and lay down. Finally she tells him to fetch-- the bone goes out the window and so does he. Nabiki comments "I've always been good with pets." Ranma, seeing everything in hand takes off. Kuno wakes up and Nabiki says the guy's gone. Kuno thinks that it was he that won the fight of course.

Soun is yelling and finds Kasumi. But Kasumi has everything under control. She even has a men helping her make dinner. Soun lets them go.

Shampoo is having trouble with Tristan -- she doesn't like him. She will fight if she has to because she was once the greatest Joketsu Warrior woman. Luckily Ranma breaks open the doors. Oops, it's only Mousse. Tristan thinks this is the man Shampoo loves, so they challenge each other to a duel. The winner gets Shampoo, even if she doesn't want either man. They fight in the air and Mousse starts to win but is finally captured. Shampoo, being nice frees Mousse and he smashes Tristan in the face, creaking his mask. Shampoo and Mousse break out in uncontrollable laughter when they see his face. In turn Tristan pins Shampoo "the bitch" to the wall and fills Mousse with sharp feathers. He asks if Shampoo will she be his wife now. Shampoo replies she'd rather be dead. Tristan decides to oblige her, but Mousse is still moving saying "Don't you dare lay a hand on Shampoo." After a few more feathers Mousse gets REALLY mad and punches Tristan into the other wall. "Shampoo, I won," whispers Mousse as he falls. Shampoo catches him and lays him gently on the ground. "Shampoo, you are my dream," he whispers. "Such a dumb boy," replies Shampoo quietly.

Ryoga breaks in on Ukyo, who is having tea with Sartoru. He makes to leave, since she's obviously not Akane. Ukyo jumps up and starts on Ryoga for not even trying to save her. She's a woman and he's a man, so what's his damn problem--does he only think of himself? Obviously he does. She finally tricks him saying that she will help him save Akane if he saves

her first. That gets him and Sartoru jumps up to defend his woman. Sartoru uses a mind-illusion on Ryoga to make him see his worst nightmare. It just happens to be Akane and Ranma happy with Akane telling Ryoga she hates him. Sartoru thinks he's won. Ryoga is whispering, "What is with me and unhappiness. I am finally totally unhappy. Why do you all make me so UNHAPPY? Take this -- Shishi-hoko-dan! (Lion Club Roar Blast)" Sartoru is toasted. "Eat it ya' monkey-bastard" he says as he falls to the ground. Ukyo helps Ryoga up and together they walk to safety.

Akane is trying to open the hatch to the pool when Ranma comes running in. Toma appears and uses his powers of illusion to beat the crap out of Ranma for trying to steal back Akane (as well as for being rude). When Akane screams, Toma sees that Ranma is Akane's fiance. Ranma gets up and makes a grab for the gourd. Toma sees this so he gives it to Ranma, but it's empty. Ranma demands for the water and Toma understands how Ranma is like all the others trying to steal his water. Toma says he won't get anything without a fight. Ranma tries his Amaguri-Ken which gets reflected. Again he tries the same DAMN THING and guess what? It's reflected. Toma has had enough so he gets ready to do his Greatest Attack. Akane tells Ranma to give up but, as usual, Ranma would rather die. Toma obliges him as he attacks. This time Ranma was ready and manages to ignore the blunt of the illusion by stabbing himself with a pin. Toma tries to stab Ranma and gets hit, HARD. Akane grabs the 'key' to the portal and tells Ranma to take a leap. Toma is quicker and grabs Akane and jumps down to the cart-track encircling the inside of the tree. There Ranma and he fight, even after Akane begs them to stop. When it looks like Toma has done away with Ranma permanently, Akane tells Toma that she can't live now knowing that Ranma died trying to save her. Ranma is still hanging and yells "Who is going to get away with Akane? Akane is MY FIANCE!!!" as he overthrows the cart by smashing his foot into the tracks (ouch!). He and Akane are falling together -- into the man-water. Akane tells him to let them fall. But Ranma won't have anything of it -- he doesn't want Akane to go through the same thing he has gone through. He powers up and blasts a hole in the lake. Water falls way below the blast also bursts up, flushing everyone out to the top of the tree. Everyone is safe.

Everyone does the apologize thing. Akane apologizes to Ranma for causing him to destroy the man-water pool. The other three men changers hear this and gets ready to kill him. Sartoru suddenly breaks in and explains "Not to worry. That lake is filled by the sap of the sacred tree. In about 700 years time it should be full again." The guys freak again. Nabiki wonders what to do now. Sartoru comes up with the idea of making the place into a resort. Everyone thinks that would be great and they would make plenty off of all the people from Japan. Toma wonders if another like Akane will come to be his wife...

THE END

By Demosity

"There are things humans weren't meant to know...horrible things!!!"

(Unfortunately shortened by Stephen)

Sol Bianca

Background

Let me introduce myself, I am the Captain of the Free Trader Ship Arcadia, Harlock. Some would refer to me as Space Pirate Captain Harlock, however, I do not like that Barbaric term. I was adrift in the sea of Stars, casually making a shipment between two colonies, when a most gracious request for I to do an overview of Sol Bianca was beamed to the Arcadia. I pondered; I could either sit back sip red wine and quote lines about the vast loneness of the sea of stars, Or I could write this overview. Since I do the former every night I decided to do the latter. However, I'm still going to drink my red wine.

Sol Bianca is set against the sea of stars. The story revolves around the free trader ship, Sol Bianca, thus the name, and it's all women crew. It seems these five beautiful young girls have banned together and freed themselves from the hold of some tyrannical controlling force. Now, much like myself, they live in the sea of stars. This story revolves around the crew trying to recover the "Golden Box" a treasure from the birth world of mankind, Earth.

the Cast

Feb: Captain of the all girl Pirate crew. I like her taste in wine and relaxation. Feb tends to keep a very cool head, another thing I like about her.

April: Tactical leader of the crew, April handles the Pirate raids. She is also a very capable Leader. However she has a revenge streak in her, something I can relate to.

Jany: Young brash tomboy of the crew, Jany enjoys weapons, combat, and being barbaric. I find her youthfulness delightful.

June: Young data operator of the crew. I presume June would rather stay aboard ship then take an active part in the raids.

May: Young "mascot" of the crew, May also pilots a very powerful battle armor. She, excuse the pun, may still be young, however, she still an important member of the crew.

Lim: Young boy the girls found smuggling himself to Tres on a ship they raided. Lim tells them about the "Golden Box", a valuable treasure the crew goes after.

Batolos: Main enemy of the crew, It seems that he has built himself a small Empire on the backs of his enslaved population. So like any good Pirate crew, it's up to the young ladies to make him pay.

the Equipment

Sol Bianca: The crew's ship. Like most pirate's ships, the Sol Bianca is no normal ship. The Sol Bianca is a special sentient ship, and it can enter hyperspace without the assistance of a jump gate, something normal ships can't do. It also has a very power weapon system, plus a very powerful main cannon.

I must say I enjoyed the story of Sol Bianca immensely. It is filled with everything a Free Trader adrift in the Sea of Stars could want. I must depart, my wine is empty and the loneliness of the sea of stars is calling my name. So until next time remember -- Freedom.

-Harlock

Supergal

Background

Supergal is part of Rumiko Takahashi Rumic world series. This series is full of short stories each separate from the other. Supergal is the first comic entry to the series.

The story is based around Maris a bounty hunter who owes allot of money for all the property damage she causes. Her partner, Murphy who looks like Tails from Sonic 2 (Vice versa, actually). The two are ordered around the cosmos to capture or rescue people.

the Cast

Maris: The Young girl from Thanatosia, a world where the gravity is much higher than Earth. Because of this Maris ends up destroying allot of property. So she owes allot of money. She works as a bounty hunter to keep up with her debt. She is very greedy (Notice the Yen symbol in her hair).

Murphy: Her Partner with the nine tails. He can uses his tail to shapeshift. However he must always create 9 of what ever it is he shifts into.

Koganemaru Matsushita: The kidnapped rich kid, Maris most rescue.

Suzy: The kidnapper who wants to make Maris pay. She is much weaker than Maris so she wrestles Maris without a strength cast, while Maris has her's locked on.

The Ring Leader: The leader of the kidnappers who secret drives Maris nuts.

Supergal is one of Rumiko's classics (Of course everything Rumiko does is a classic). She actually goes a bit overboard in this one (another thing that's hard to believe).

Rumiko has a few classic pieces in this one including a intimate shower scene complete with cockroaches, and the first Anime blooper reel. Don't miss this one

-Dave Zyn

WARRIOR OF SPACE -- TEKKAMAN BLADE

Episode 39 "Ultra Warrior Blaster"

Tekkaman Blade was 1992's big TV mecha show. Based on the old Tekkaman show from the 70's, it also looks allot like Detonator Orgun (See review). It seems that the original Tekkaman was a influence on Orgun. So it's only fitting that they rip off Orgun for the squeal.

Characters:

D-Boy: Better known as TEKKAMAN BLADE, he was to be one of the Raddam super fighters. Fortunately, he escaped their control and joined up with the good guys. Unfortunately, he's starting to go insane and lose control, causing him to go psycho. Will he lose control?

Aki: The dark haired girl that is in love with D-Boy. She a member of the Space Knights who usually pilots the Blue Earth.

Milli: Little girl.

Honda: Huge mechanic.

Levine: The hemeraphidite, who is pretty useless.

Noal: The orange-blond pilot of the blue-white Sol-Tekka. He is the one without stubble.

Chief Freeman: Cool and calculating albino. He knows much--that's why he's chief. Often wears shades to look cooler.

Bernard: Ol' one eye fighter, who is ready to give his life.

Miyuki: She's the blond girl that D-Boy grabs for in the opening credits. She is TekkaMan Rapier and also his dead little sister. Now those were THE episodes...

TekkaMan Evil: D-Boy's younger brother, who is too willing to serve the Raddam.

The Raddam: The alien Race from out of nowhere, possibly Pluto (or should i say--Yuggoth!! Sorry). They are partially plant based (see my point?) so they grow new warriors and pollute the Earth with special pods. They also can take humans into the crystal flowers and create new super servants known as: TekkaMen!

Technology:

TekkaMen: These are special power suits that are a combination of the alien Raddam and crystal technology. These suits are 'grown' onto their owners, becoming part of them. The owner can then summon his or her suit thereafter by holding up his or her special crystanle and yelling "TekkSetter!." Very powerful stuff.

Sol-Tekka: These are special units like TekkaMen, but without the special linkage. The Earth Defense Force created them to help out against the Raddam. There are two units, both powerful enough for Raddam monsters, but nowhere near the true power of a TekkaMan.

Pegas: The 'robot' that holds Blades crystal so that Pegas with Blade can utilize some destructive power. He usually keeps quiet, but he seems to have a good 'soul' for a robot.

Blue Earth: The only spaceship left on earth after the Raddam overtook the Orbital Ring.

Orbital Ring System: A huge ring that circumferences the Earth. It was a base for building ships and had abundant solar collection units. The solar collectors were the main reason the Raddam overtook the Ring--since they are partially plant based life forms.

What Went On Before

This is going to take some explanation before we can touch this show. First off Blade escapes the baddies, before the Raddam mind control took him completely over. EDF finds him after he fell to Earth and they take him in. He then starts helping them against their common enemies, the Raddam. The series then degenerated into a Blade vs. Raddam or Evil fight of the week. Eventually the series got a plot-- Blade's sister, Rapier. She has also escaped but Evil kills her eventually. Blade is not happy. Then TekkaMan Axe, Blade's ol' teacher, comes down and tries to kill him. Blade, already having been beater in past eps. by Evil, barely manages to kill Axe. Unfortunately, D-Boy is beginning to die along with the Blade. The Chief comes up with an idea--If they utilize the energy from a crystal plant, they can regrow and power-up Blade. There's a good chance D-Boy will die from the process though. D-Boy enters Pegas and they begin the process. Now we get to the episode.

The Episode

Raddam attack the EDF base, and Blade can't help until the process is finished. Bernard tells everyone how best to handle the Raddam, and guns are passed out. TekkaMan Lance breaks into the base and kills everyone he sees. Lance gets to Blade. D-Boy has some flashbacks--Evil, Miyuki, Axe biting it. Bernard gives his life for some more time. Just enough time it is, for Blade emerges, Bulks Out™ to his new Blaster TekkaMan form and takes Lance for a little ride. Blade dodges Lance for a bit and then does a FOUR POINT "Bal-Tekka!!" blast (a normal blase being only two points). This takes out some major property, as well as the Raddam and Lance. Upon returning D-Boy can't see!! Hahaha, this new power will literally be the end of D-Boy, eh?

END.

Urusei Yatsura Final Movie

Background

Urusei Yatsura, which roughly translates to "Those Annoying Aliens", began in 1977 as a manga series running in Shonen Sunday by Rumiko Takahashi. (This woman is the most recognized manga artist outside of Japan.) Becoming a TV series in 1982 and ending in `86, this show ran for 218 shows, spawning five feature films, seven OAVs, and thirty five volumes of manga. The story for this movie is covered in the last manga volume. Although there will undoubtedly be additional OAV, they will have all taken place before this movie.

Preface: The earth is about to be invaded, (reason #36: none at all) To this end the alien's computer have selected at random, an Earthling to fight one of them. If the earthling wins, the aliens will leave in peace. The earthling selected is Ataru Moroboshi, and the alien is the daughter of the leader/ambassador of the invading force, Lum. the contest selected is... a game of tag. Ataru has ten days to catch her. Needless to say, he is successful, (if he wasn't, there wouldn't be mush to this series). However, he makes the inadvertent comment "now I can be married", referring to the girl he really wants, Shinobu. Lum interprets this as marriage proposal to her, and agrees, with the whole world watching you understand. Ataru is now doomed to spent the rest of the series trying to pursue ANY girl in an attempt to shake Lum. (However he really does care for her.)

Main Characters:

Ataru Moroboshi- Leach! He has been doing it all his sixteen years, (even as a child). Capable of superhuman endurance when pursuing a skirt, he is usually stopped cold by the woman that adores him ...

Lum- an alien princess. She can fly, throw lightning bolts, and has the authority to do everything, including borrow the family space battleship to keep her "darling" in line. Lum moved into the Moroboshi household (his closet) to be near him, and started going to an earth school to keep watch over him. Needless to say, she has attracted the attention of the rest of the male student body. Initially Lum made sure the Ataru didn't see...

Shinobu- Ataru's former girlfriend. Subject to sudden attacks of adrenaline strength, (when she is angry) she has been known to throw furniture around. Late in the series she turns her attention Iniba (brief appearance in this film) but after finally giving up of Ataru, she turns her attention to...

Shutaro Mendo- the son of one of the richest families in Japan. He has since stopped going to a private school and attended public school in an attempt to capture Lum's heart. He cannot understand what Lum see in Ataru (a constant rival) and feels that he is the best choice for her, after all he extremely rich and can give Lum anything. But he is not the only one that seeks to be with Lum...

Megane, Kakugari, Palmer, Chiba- Lum's "Honor guard". These four would dearly love to get Ataru out of the picture but don't because Lum loves him. The one character that all can agree on as being a pest and nuisance is...

Sakuranbo- Or as he is more commonly known - Cherry, itinerant monk and voracious eater. This predictor of disaster knows something of the Shinto art. But it is his niece...

Sakura- Who is a Shinto priestess and nurse at the school. If it wasn't for Lum, Sakura would have all the boy's attention, (her being extremely attractive.) But Sakura isn't the only attractive female at the school. Lum has her alien female friends and cousin to help liven things up...

Benten and Oyuki- Both princesses in their respective cultures. Oyuki is a tradition princess, (in appearance and dress; japanese standards) of an ice world, (she has powers of cold.) Benten is of a warrior race, (think of the chinese.) She usually appears in her metal bikini and chains, riding her jet-cycle.

Ran- A childhood friend of Lums, has also come to earth, but has remained a "fifth wheel" to the three girls. Her begrudging accomplishment is that she "stole" from Lum...

Rei- A shape-shifter of Lum's race. He also is a childhood friend and former fiance' of Lums. He enjoys nothing more than eating. The other alien that stays with Lum most of the time is...

Jarten- Or as he is more commonly known, Ten. As an alien, he can fly, but also can exhale fire. (is this why his mother is part of the volunteer fire department? go figure) Being a little more than a baby, he gets plenty of attention from the females in the show. (Which he really enjoys... after all... he isn't stupid.)

A space ship approaches earth. Its clocked occupant clutches a heart shaped locket. Inside is a picture of Lum.

In a dream, Lum, as a child is playing outdoors when a grizzled old man approaches her. "Little girl, do you come from that house?" Lum says yes. "At last! A girl is born! When you are old enough, I shall take you to my grandson as his wife..."

Osenmark, the class instructor attempts to stir Lum from her daydream, and gets an electric shock for his trouble. As he tries to scold Lum, Megane and Mendo come to Her defence. Ataru passively sits by, absorbed by his lunch.

After class Lum tries to talk to Ataru about it, but he is more interested in other things, (girls). Lum responds in the usual manner.

Ataru finds Sakaru and makes a pass at her and gets treated in the usual manner. But Ataru is persistent, as Sakaru sandal strap breaks, (a bad omen), a black cat shows up, and a hearse passes. Cherry remarks "Things must be getting pretty bad."

Up in her flying saucer, Lum and Ten receives a message from her father. While cleaning of the basement of the old home, they found great-grandfather, stacked away in the corner, in suspended animation. He wants to see his great-granddaughter and wants Lum to come for a visit.

Meanwhile, Sakaru tried to find what the dark omens are about. Her crystal ball needs to be coerced, but it finally produces an image of Lum. "It appears to be saying that Lum is about to be pulled into darkness."

Ataru walks home with Cherry's words and Lum's description of her dream running through his mind. Suddenly concerned, he runs home only to find Lum is not there. Jarten informs him that Lum has gone home for a few days.

Back home great-grandfather learn that his great-grandchild is a girl, something he didn't want to hear. Lum arrives and he goes into a frenzy. Then the mysterious, grizzled old man arrives (from lum's daydream) arrives and starts enplaning what has transpired. 120 years age, great-grandfather was traveling and had run out of money. Starving and near death, he offered him two mushrooms to pick from, one good, the other poisonous. Great-grandfather picked the poisonous one. Begging for the antidote, he struck a deal. "Give me a maiden from your family for a wife, and I will give you the antidote!" Needless to say great-grandfather accepted, after revealing that he had no daughters. With that he declares that he will claim the first female child of the linage.

He has a grandson who has come of age and has now come to collect the debt. He tries to take Lum, but she handles him with all the respect he deserves. Lum's father throws him out with the trash. But he vows that its not over.

The next day Ataru arrives at school without Lum. Mendo thinks Ataru angered Lum again. The ensuing argument is interrupted by the arrival of an alien. A dark caped form riding on a chariot, drawn by flying pigs, who promptly bangs his head on the widow sash.

Waking up in Sakura's infirmary, Lupa is dazed and mistakes Sakaru for Lum, announcing the he is Lum's fiancee. After being greeted by Mendo and Ataru, Lum arrives and Lupa goes through his spiel again. Lupa leaves, but not before he slips a special ring on Lum's finger. As Lupa leaves, Ataru calls out to him. "Hey!" Lupa turns and once again bangs his head on the sash. "Watch your head!"

The ring will not come off. Lupa gets the explanation that, the ring will accelerate the maturing process of Lum. As she enters adulthood, her horns will fall off, (the source of her people's special abilities), leaving her temporally powerless.

Ataru now really jealous, gets vocal about it, but get fried anyway. Lupa, turns up and once again tries talk Lum into marriage. Lum still will have nothing to do with it. At that moment, her horns fall off. Ataru arrives just in time to see Lum being carried away. Finding her horns he realizes that Lum is in BIG TROUBLE!

Lum's parents get a video tape (beta format) informing them that they have their daughter. He calls out the "army". But there is a surprise in store.

Ataru goes to Mendo with all his worldly possessions, his complete set of girl files, (including photos, statistics and phone numbers). In exchange, Ataru wants to use one of the Mendo family space shuttles. (I did say that he comes from a RICH family?) Mendo is tempted but a better deal shows up. Benten and Oyuki arrive. They explain that all contact with Lum's planet has been lost, and they've come looking for an explanation. Oyuki believes Lum has

been taken to a alternate universe known as "dark space" where there are no suns or stars, although you still can see.

They all visit Ran to commandeer her ship. (Rei is there for a visit.) Using the moon's shadow as a jump point, they enter dark space... and crash.

Lupa, realizing that they have visitors, calls out the guard. They are all caught except Ataru, who has eluded capture, much to Lum's joy.

However Ataru has been caught, by Karula. "Hey, if you are going to kill me, got it over with." "I'm, not going to kill you, I want you to marry me." Sorry I can't, but I can give you a kiss". Actually Karula wants Ataru for a mock wedding. She is determined Lupa is not to marrying Lum. Neither does Lum. But for the occasion, a special mushroom is produced that turns into an exact copy of Lum, if it is needed.

Ataru and Karula enter the wedding hall, getting past Lupa's guards as a disguised couple to be married. After getting to the ceremony an argument starts with Lupa and Karula rips the place apart. In the confusion, the fake Lum gets substituted. When the smoke clears, the fake Lum acts devoted to Lupa. Ataru is aghast, and Karula, now heartbroken, really starts a firefight. Lum escapes, but Ataru thinks its just Lum acting fickle now that the tide has turned. Lum can't understand why he turned away. With Karula shooting up the place, Ataru takes off, with Lupa not far behind.

Meanwhile Benten, Mendo, Rei and the others escape and take her airbike. Karula doing enough damage to qualify as a member of the "Dirty Pair", purses Lupa to the roof.

Lupa's great grandfather arrives with an escape blimp, and Lupa again tries to make off with Lum. As Lum begs for help from Ataru, he ignores her. Mendo cuts the ladder. Lum tumbles to the roof knocking people off. Oyuki tries to keep people from following off the edge by using icesicles. Lupa grabs Karula, and a lovers quarrel ensues. Meanwhile Lum has gone off the edge. Ataru struggles to get free and falls on the edge after her. An argument is pursued at 180 ft/sec. In a specular light show Lum's power returns and their fall is arrested. Lum finally learns about the fake Lum, but the damage is done. She questions wither Ataru ever loved her. She decides to remain in dark space to sort out her feelings. With the wedding hall trashed Lupa agrees to postpone the ceremony. Ataru get put on ice.

Back on earth, Shinobu and Inbina talk about the recent problems with Lum. He reviles that if Lum continues to remain in dark space, their memories of her will fade. Lupa and Lum talk about Karula and how they grew up together. "Concerning all the problems she's caused, I'm glad to be rid of her. Lupa does not sound very convinced.

At the dinner table, as the rest of the "cast" eat, Ran drops some mushrooms she found growing into the "soup". Karula doesn't stop her in time and the spores sprout and all of Tomobiki town is overrun with giant mushrooms. Sakaru determines that the only way to get rid of them is if Lupa destroys them.

During Lums and Lupa conversation, they are interrupted by a message from earth. Karula interrupts by informing that she is marrying Ataru, (trying to get him jealous). This gets Lum going. Sakaru quiets everyone. Lum asks directly of Ataru if he ever loved her, but Ataru still can't forgive. Lum is heartbroken but still can't believe its over.

The mushrooms continue to grow. Lupa does a giant holographic image telling the town he will get rid of them on one condition. Lum and Ataru will again have a game of tag, same rules as before. If Lum wins, she will marry Lupa. If Ataru win, Lum stays. In the end he will deal with the mushrooms.

Not much later Ataru is cornered into another game. ... And again it begins. Ataru chasing Lum.

Meanwhile back on Lum's home planet, Lupa's great grandfather tells Lum's father that Ataru doesn't have a chance. Her father agrees and leaves for earth.

They arrive the night before the last day. Everyone convenes on Lum's father ship. After another fight between Ataru and Lum, Benten bitches Lum out, telling they are both acting like children, as Benten slams down on the table. The table sinks to the floor as Lum's father tells her the "table" is the button that launches the memory wipe system. To deactivate it, the target on it must be hit.

Lupa and Karula reconsider. So... Mendo, Benten, Ran and the rest attempt to disable the memory system... eventually getting it.

As for Lum and Ataru... after 10 days he is near collapse. As he falls to the roof, he drops Lum's old horns. Lum turns to see them fall from his hands, and realizes that he has been carrying them around all this time, he still cares. She runs to him... game over.

With emotions running high everyone turn their attentions to both Lum and Ataru. "When are you two going to act together?!!!" With the townspeople in pursuit, Lum and Ataru run away, this time Together.

Terry Williams

Video Girl Ai

Background

Video Girl Ai is based upon the popular manga by Masakazu Katsura. The "Video Girl Ai" section of the manga ran to 13 volumes and concluded a couple of months ago. The series is continuing with "Video Girl Len" which started with volume 14 and traces a different storyline with much the same theme. Part 1 of the OVA is basically a transmutation of the events in the first volume of the manga. And now:

the Cast-

Youta Moteuchi- A young feller with girl problems. Shy by nature, pure of heart, easily excitable, and about to be walloped by the overwhelming prescence of Ai when she appears in his life.

Ai Amano- A video girl who, by the forces of magic, or high technology, or non-euclidean spatial reference, or Cthulhu, or the benevolent forces of love and enchanted video stores everywhere comes to life through Youta's VCR. She is supposedly 16 years old. To say that she has a bubbly personality is like saying that Emperor Nero was only slightly unbalanced.

Moemi- A schoolmate of Youta's. Youta is in love with her, but she loves another. (Oh, boo-hoo-hoo, sob, sob. Yeah, we know.)

Takashi- The "cool" character with the haircut that, for some reason, makes you want to yell "harlequin!". In this installment, he takes the part of a meddler in affairs, to be explained as I get to it

Story

After a brief opening title block featuring silouhetted young girls with abundant, bouncing, overdeveloped sweat glands comes and goes, we see Ai on the screen. The picture bounces and wavers in order to depict Youta's crappy VCR. Ai sets off on a spiel about how lonely the viewer must be, how girls just don't understand, and how she will be there forever. At this point, light beams shoot out from the television. Youta is snapped out of his trance by Ai's scream as she begins to emerge from the TV set. (Remember that awful flick, Videodrome? Yeah, I know. No references.) She shoots forth from the TV set and crashes against the wall. Youta is shocked and yells out.

Roll opening credits, with yet another mushy-pushy, cutesy teen idol song. (Please allow this narrator to complete his vomiting before resuming this narrative.)

Ah, that's better. (At this point, James Cameron apparently takes over the directing for approximately 30 seconds. During this time, there are a bunch of jump cuts and flash shots which are really confusing, just like in his regular movies. After 30 seconds, Cameron was caught and dragged out of the animation studio, and the story resumes.) Youta goes over and pokes Ai's nose. "She's real!" Youta celebrates his fortune and then reads the cassette box. Banners appear over Ai's body, pointing out her "features" as Youta reads. Suddenly, Ai's breasts shrink a couple of sizes. Slowly, she wakes up, and she promptly clobbers Youta. "Why did you play me on a broken VCR! I almost died!", yells Ai, who then recovers her sweet disposition. She pulls out a notebook and reads off his name- but the kanji reading she uses has the underlying meaning of "girls will never go out with him" (thanks a million, Dan!). Youta corrects her indignantly. Ai asks what they should do, adding that she can do things he only dreams of. Youta goes to the bookshelf to look for etiquette guides or some such. When he turns around, Ai is in bed and invites Youta over. Youta again is flustered and hits the books. After going through the "virgin's checklist", he stands before her. "Please make it so it doesn't hurt.", he whimpers. Ai gets up, telling him that she was only joking.

Flashback!

Youta is ruminating when the Gokuraku Video Store appears.

Back to reality!

Ai drags Youta along the staircase, which he promptly tumbles down. He asks her who she is. "Like I said, I'm a video girl.", she replies.

Flashback!

Youta is in the video store, holding Ai's cassette box. The manager approaches and tells Youta that the store only shows itself to the pure of heart.

Back to reality!

Youta is still looking for information. Ai tells him not to worry. She tells him that his worrying is why he always gets dumped by girls. (At which point the kanji for "dumped" smashes into his head.)

Youta tells her off, and Ai begins to cry. Asked what is wrong, Ai yells that because he played her on a broken VCR, she has become more masculine and is growing a dick besides. To illustrate, she "But I don't feel anything", says Youta.
"I lied", comes the reply.
Youta expresses relief. Then he realizes what he is doing.
"Pervert", says Ai, and Youta reacts rather strongly.
"Tee-hee!"
Youta reflects on this.

Flashback!

Moemi and Youta are talking. They sit together and play the "who do you like" game with one another. (Smell disaster brewing, folks?)

Back to reality!

Ai has cooked what looks like a 27-course meal. "Homemade food!", he yells, and digs in. His face turns many different shades as the taste sinks in. After his frantic SD proclamation of disapproval, Ai tries her own food, proclaiming its goodness- and then her face turns the same shades and she performs a technicolor yawn. Ai gathers up the tablecloth, but Youta does the gentlemanly thing and eats a plateful. Ai is impressed.

Flashback!

Same scene as before. Moemi describes her problem with approaching the object of her affections. Youta realizes that she is talking about Takashi. Instead of telling her his feelings for her, he tells her to never give up in pursuing him. (What a guy.)

Back to reality!

Youta and Ai go into the next room. Youta is loosening up a bit, and Ai teases him again about being a pervert. She jumps at him, and he hits the remote control. Ai goes into fast forward mode. Youta hits the strobe function. Ai tells him to stop. He starts laughing and hits slow motion. He laughs again, and Ai creams him with a potted plant. Ai tells him to never touch the stop button and proceeds to tape the remote to the VCR, making it unusable. She explains that her "running time" is one month. Youta laments that he will not be able to use the VCR, but accepts it.

Flashback!

Takashi butts in on the previous conversation. He asks if Moemi is the one that Youta likes and thus causes embarrassment. (Could you see this one coming a mile away?) Boo hoo hoo

Back to Reality!

Ai tosses Youta down the stairs again, as is becoming her habit. It is bath time, and Ai is intent on washing Youta's back. Ai begins to disrobe and....the phone rings. Youta answers. It is Takashi, who wants to talk about the incident recalled in the last flashback. Ai tells Youta to hurry up and get into the bath, and Takashi hears this. He compliments Youta on his studliness, thinking it is Moemi. Youta insists it is a video girl. He hangs up and breaths a sigh of relief. Ai taps him on the shoulder. Youta turns around, sees Ai stark naked, and passes out.

Flashback!

More of the same. Moemi insists that Youta tell her who he likes. Takashi butts in again after Youta loses his courage, saying that he will help Moemi find someone. They go off, and Youta can only call helplessly after them. Wah, cry, cry. (Ed Note- Youta sure is a geek, eh?)

Back to Reality! (I'm getting dizzy!)

Ai and Youta are in the bath. Ai analyzes the preceding flashbacks and decides that Youta still has a chance with Moemi after all. She vows to fix the two of them up together. ("The purpose of my existence has been established.", says Ai.) She then gets back to her original aim of washing his back. She gets Youta in an interesting hold and pulls. (No, not what you think. Watch the video, you fanboy pervert!) The bath continues, resembling a cross between a pro wrestling match and bungee Jumping. Later, Youta plops down in his bed. Ai comes in and, against more protests, lays down next to him.

The flashbacks continue in Youta's head as he mulls over events. We switch to Moemi, who is also flashing back to the day's events as she hears Takashi's voice in her head (apparently, these flashbacks must be a contagious disease). Moemi cries. Youta blithers. Ai curls up next to him.

-Wolfgang

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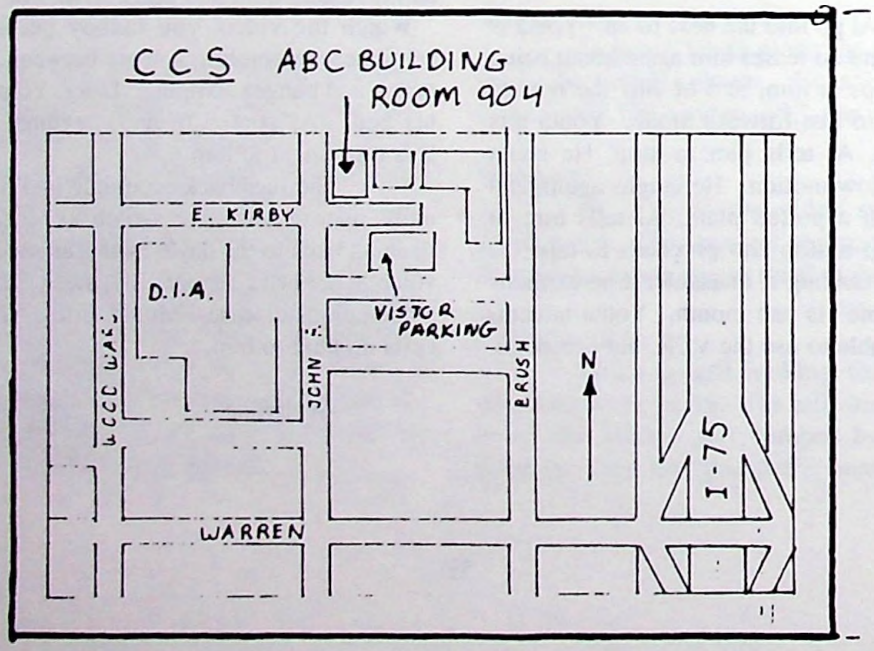

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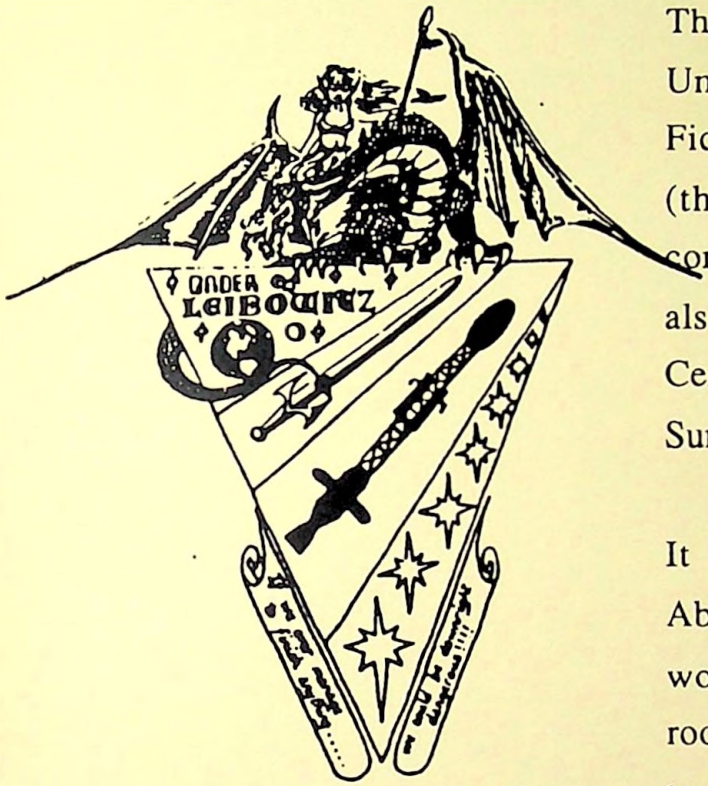

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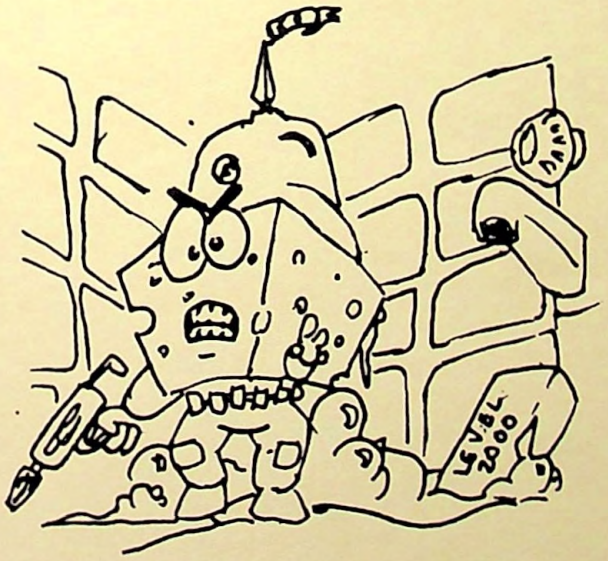

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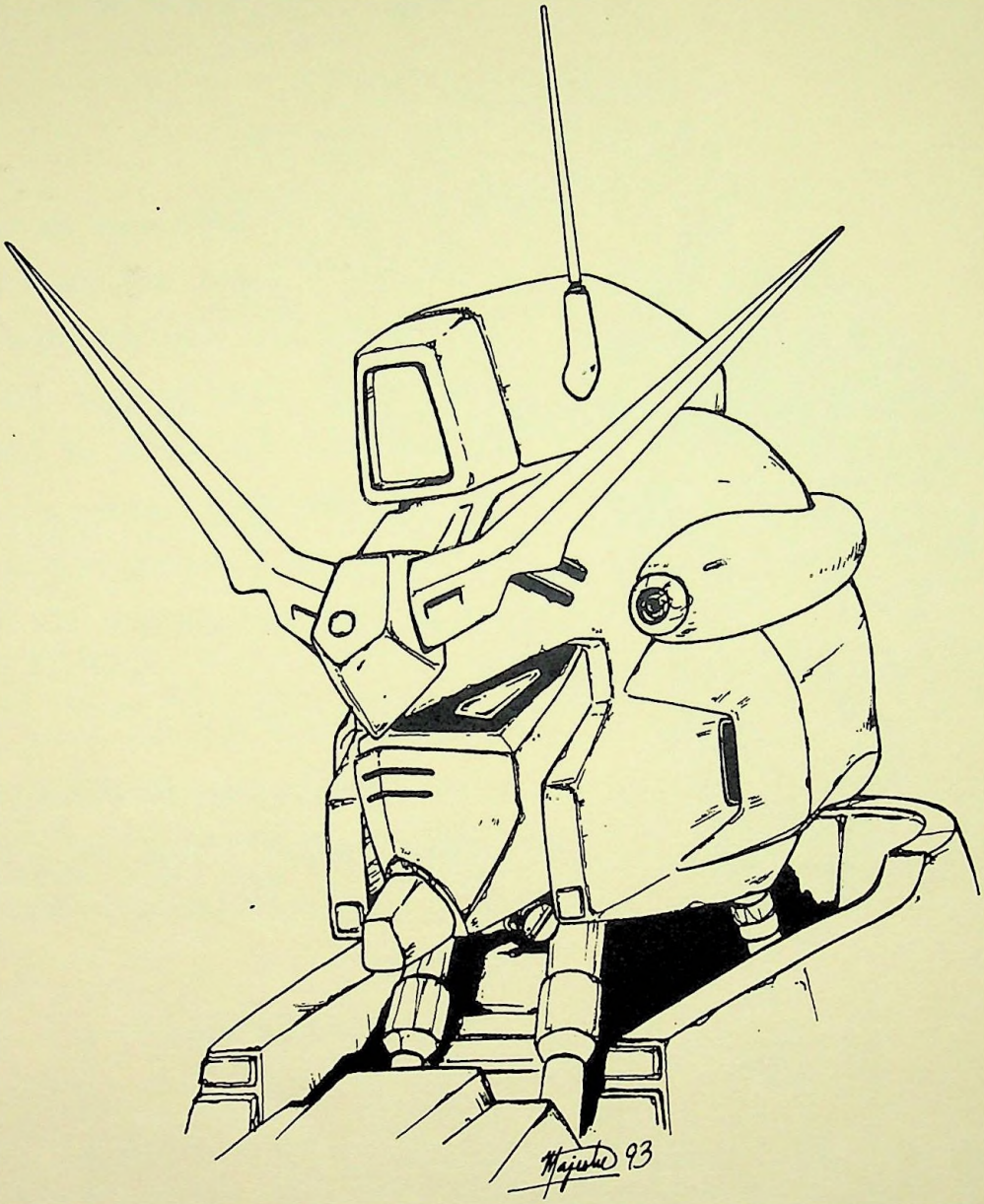

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